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# 2002 Annual Report

December 31, 2002





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January 2, 2003

The Honorable George Ryan  
Governor of Illinois  
Capitol Building  
Springfield, Illinois

Members of the Senate  
Capitol Building  
Springfield, Illinois

Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Stratton Building  
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Governor Ryan and Members of the General Assembly:

In accordance with the Agricultural Areas Conservation and Protection Act (505 ILCS 5/1 et seq.), the Illinois Department of Agriculture is charged with the preparation and dissemination of an annual report that describes the activities of county boards regarding the creation, alteration, termination, or dissolution of Agricultural Conservation and Protection Areas (also known as Ag Areas) throughout Illinois. The report also summarizes the total number of Ag Areas adopted since passage of the Agricultural Areas Conservation and Protection Act, effective July 1, 1980.

County board members have the authority to establish Ag Areas for the purpose of protecting the local agricultural land base from needless conversion. Ag Areas also afford protection to agricultural producers when faced with problems related to nuisance ordinances and unfair benefit assessments. Adoption of an Ag Area by a county board represents a long-term commitment to the protection of agriculture.

We respectfully submit the 2002 Agricultural Areas Annual Report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra K Rolando". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sandy Rolando  
Acting Director

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Enclosure

cc: Warren Goetsch, IDA

## **AGRICULTURAL AREAS**

### **2002 Annual Report**

The Illinois Department of Agriculture, pursuant to the *Agricultural Areas Conservation and Protection Act (505 ILCS 5/20.1)*, is required to prepare an annual report to the General Assembly on the location and size of all agricultural areas (also known as Ag Areas) created, modified, or dissolved during the past year.

The Agricultural Areas Summary lists the 23 counties with local county board approved Ag Areas. This chart itemizes the number of Ag Areas in participating counties, along with their respective acres, and summarizes the total number of acres in approved Ag Areas throughout the state.

There were no changes in the Ag Area totals for the 2002 calendar year. The 2002 Summary of Agricultural Areas in Illinois chart reflects the same totals as those for calendar year 2001.

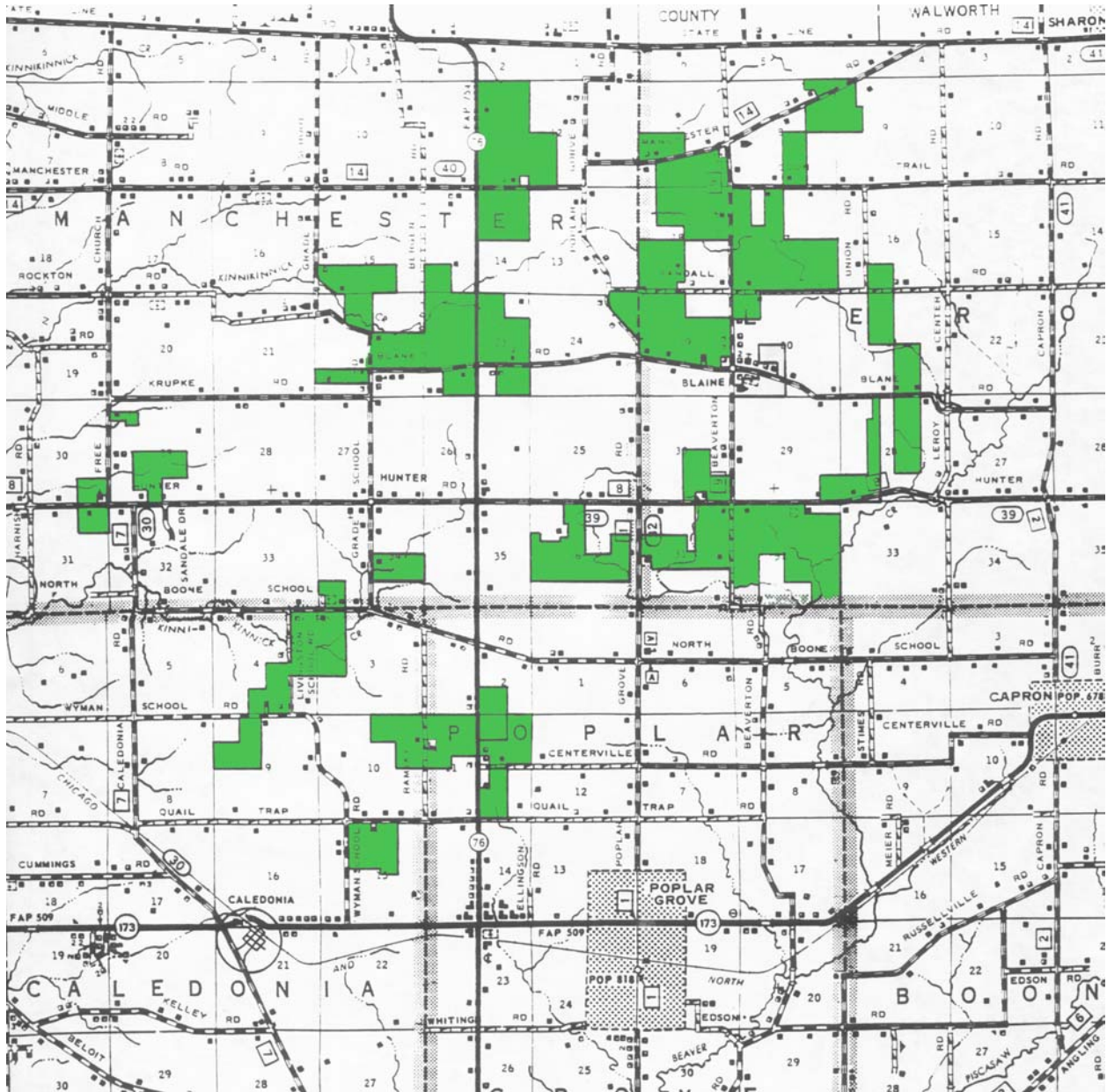
Following the 2002 Summary of Agricultural Areas chart, in alphabetical order, are maps delineating the 55 Ag Areas in the participating 23 counties. A total of 118,964 acres are currently enrolled in Ag Areas in Illinois.

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**Summary of Agricultural Areas in Illinois**  
**December 31, 2002**

| <u>County</u>      | <u>Number of<br/>Ag Areas</u> | <u>Acres in each Ag Area</u>                     | <u>Total Acres</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Boone              | 2                             | 1111, 4743                                       | 5,854              |
| Bureau             | 2                             | 1962, 1969                                       | 3,931              |
| DeKalb             | 1                             | 710  | 710                |
| Effingham          | 1                             | 561  | 561                |
| Fulton             | 1                             | 1915   | 1,915              |
| Henry              | 8                             | 1982, 2480, 2635, 3097, 6751, 3129, 353, 2308    | 22,735             |
| Jersey             | 2                             | 10,201; 9678                                     | 19,879             |
| Kane               | 1                             | 600  | 600                |
| Kendall            | 2                             | 360, 400   | 760                |
| Knox               | 1                             | 1735   | 1,735              |
| LaSalle            | 4                             | 659, 1220, 587, 1866                             | 4,332              |
| Macon              | 1                             | 1693   | 1,693              |
| Madison            | 2                             | 1400, 1277                                       | 2,677              |
| Marshall           | 5                             | 1014, 1238, 762, 1931, 467                       | 5,412              |
| Massac             | 2                             | 500, 3199  | 3,699              |
| McHenry            | 9                             | 2518, 795, 2078, 892, 6782, 802, 4466, 2048, 415 | 20,796             |
| Ogle               | 1                             | 429  | 429                |
| Peoria             | 3                             | 393, 1567, 589                                   | 2,549              |
| Putnam             | 3                             | 1046, 4400, 1882                                 | 7,328              |
| Randolph           | 1                             | 6903   | 6,903              |
| Sangamon           | 1                             | 377  | 377                |
| Tazewell           | 1                             | 3620   | 3,620              |
| Will               | 1                             | 469  | 469                |
| <b>23 Counties</b> | <b>55 Ag Areas</b>            |  | <b>118,964 ac</b>  |

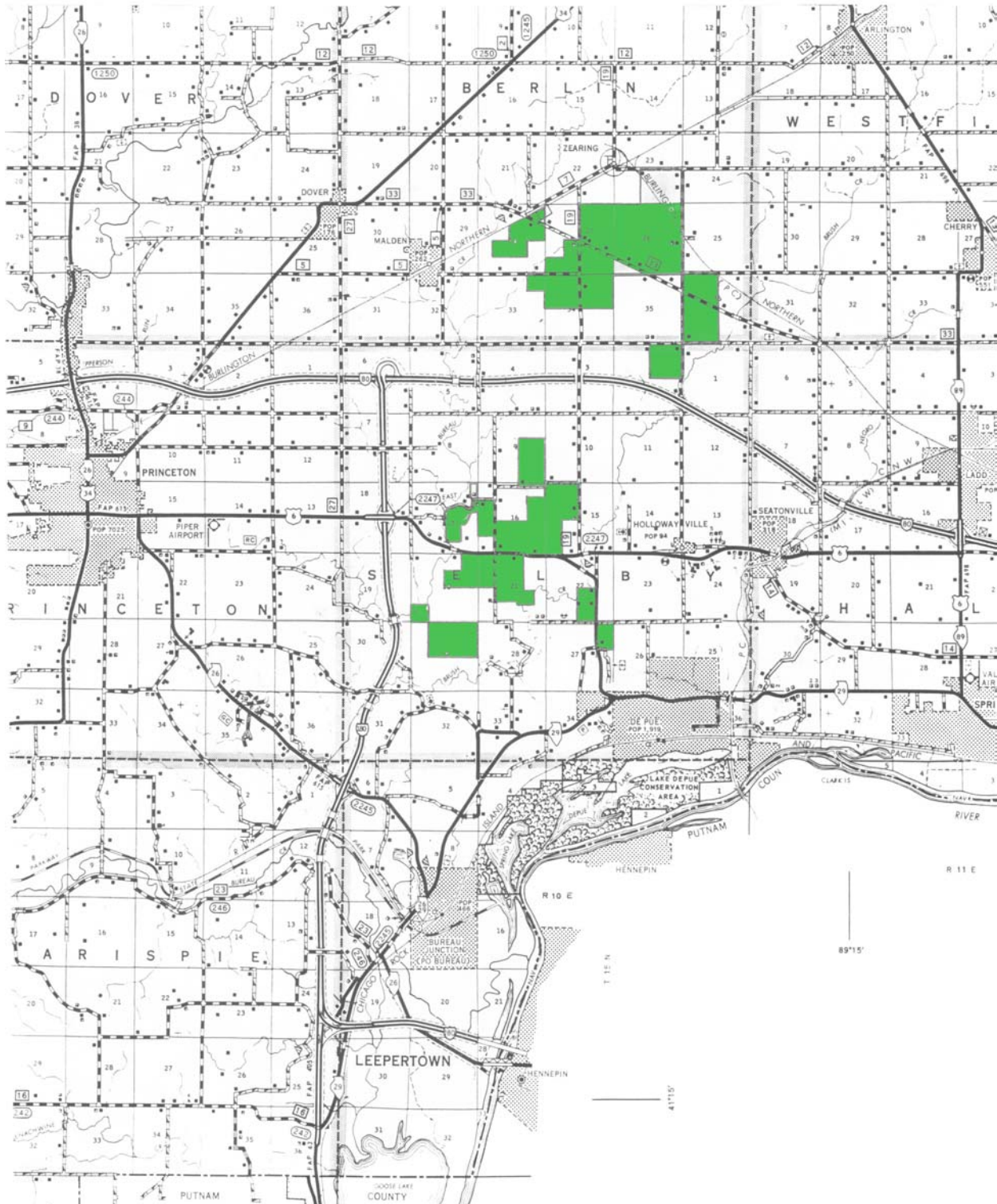
**353 Acres - Smallest Ag Area**  
**10,201 Acres - Largest Ag Area**

# Boone County Illinois

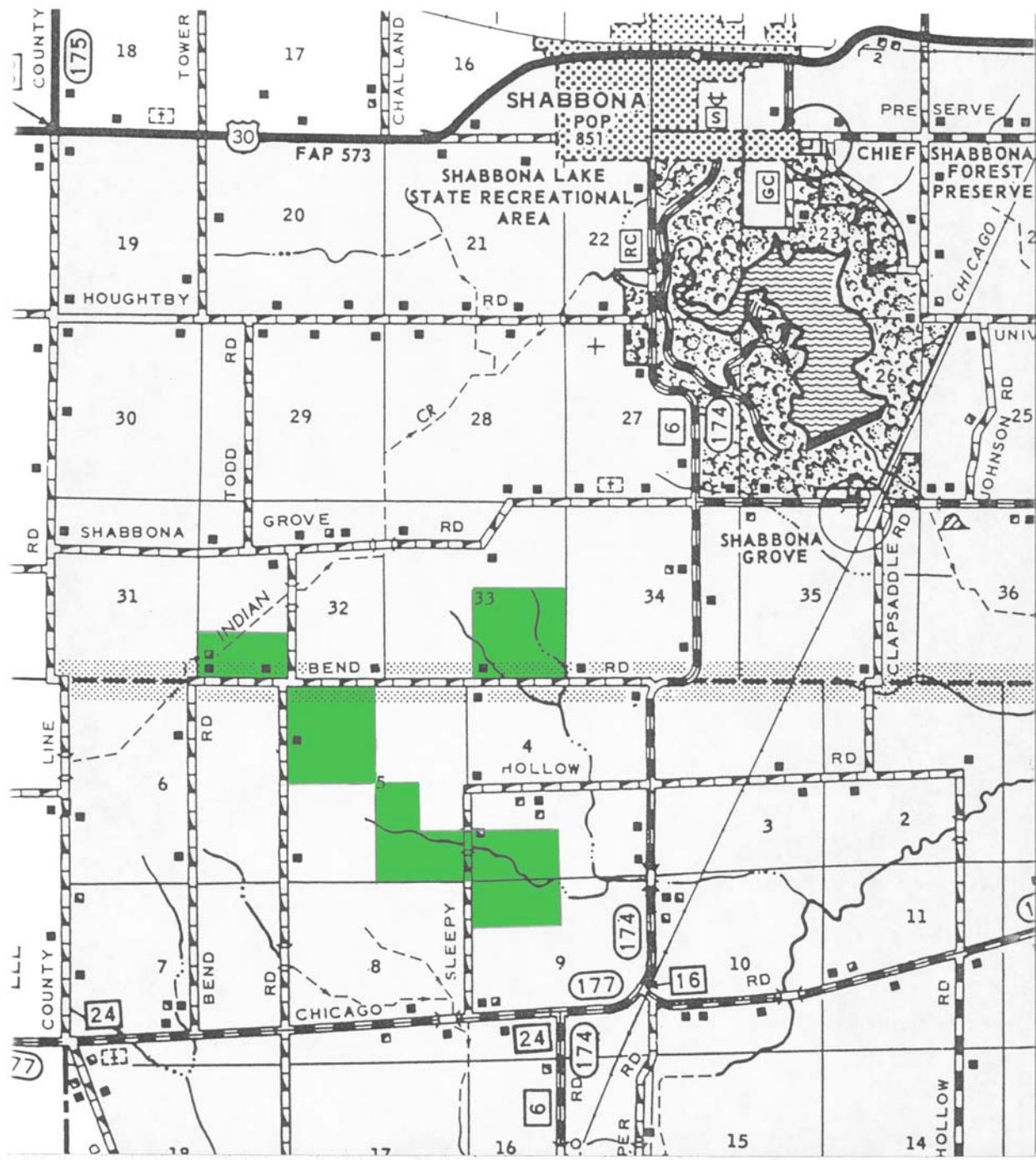




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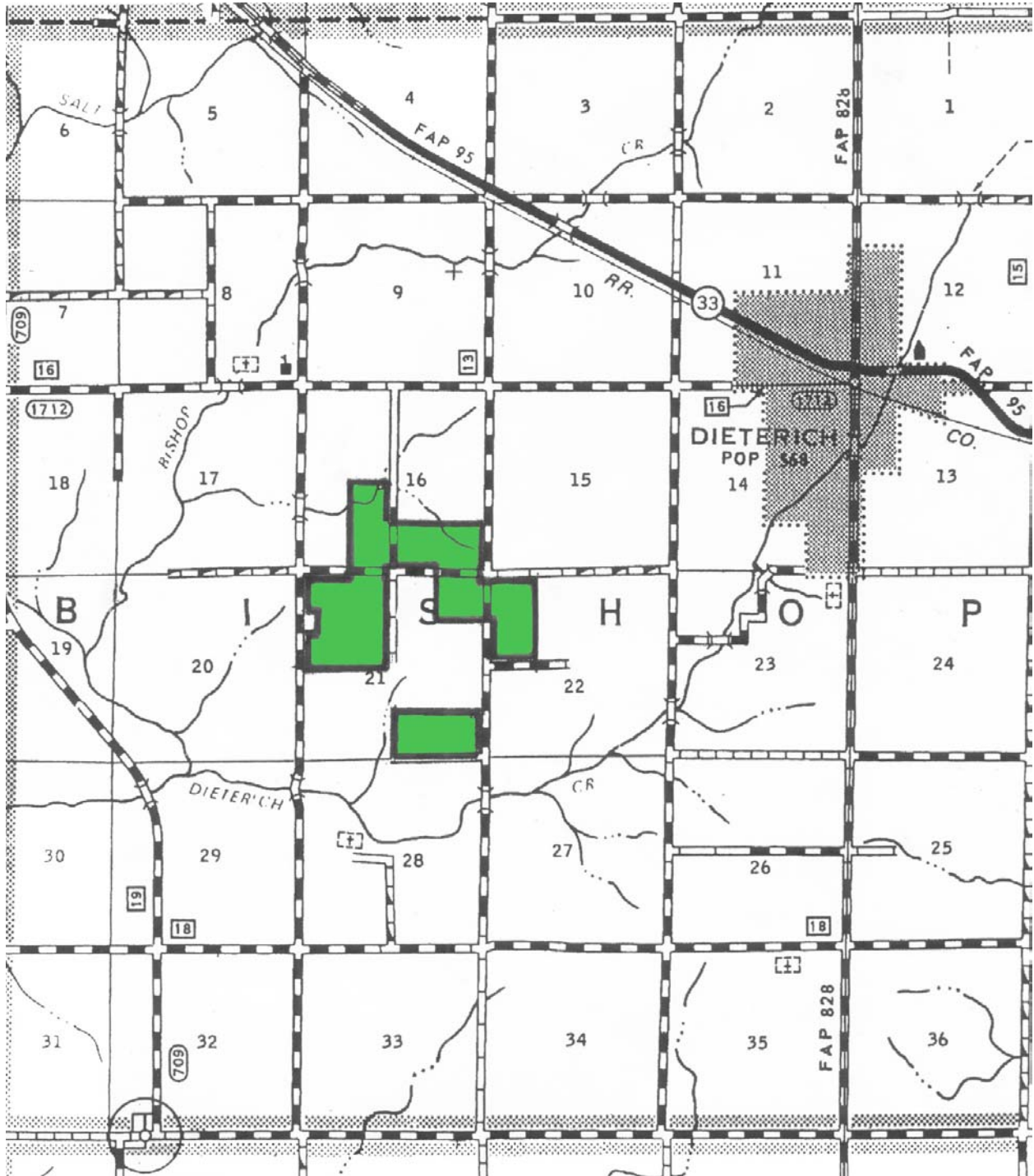


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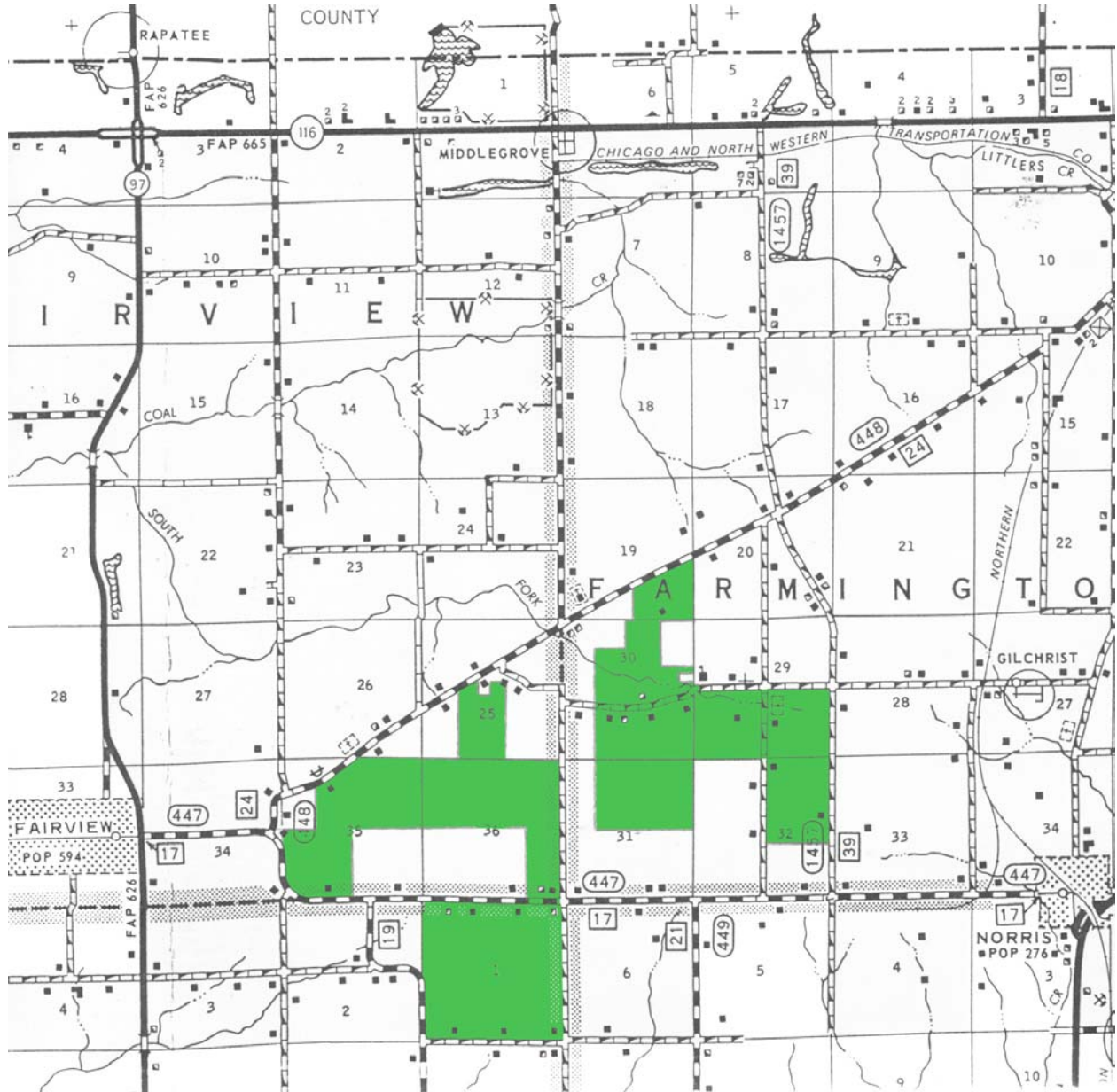


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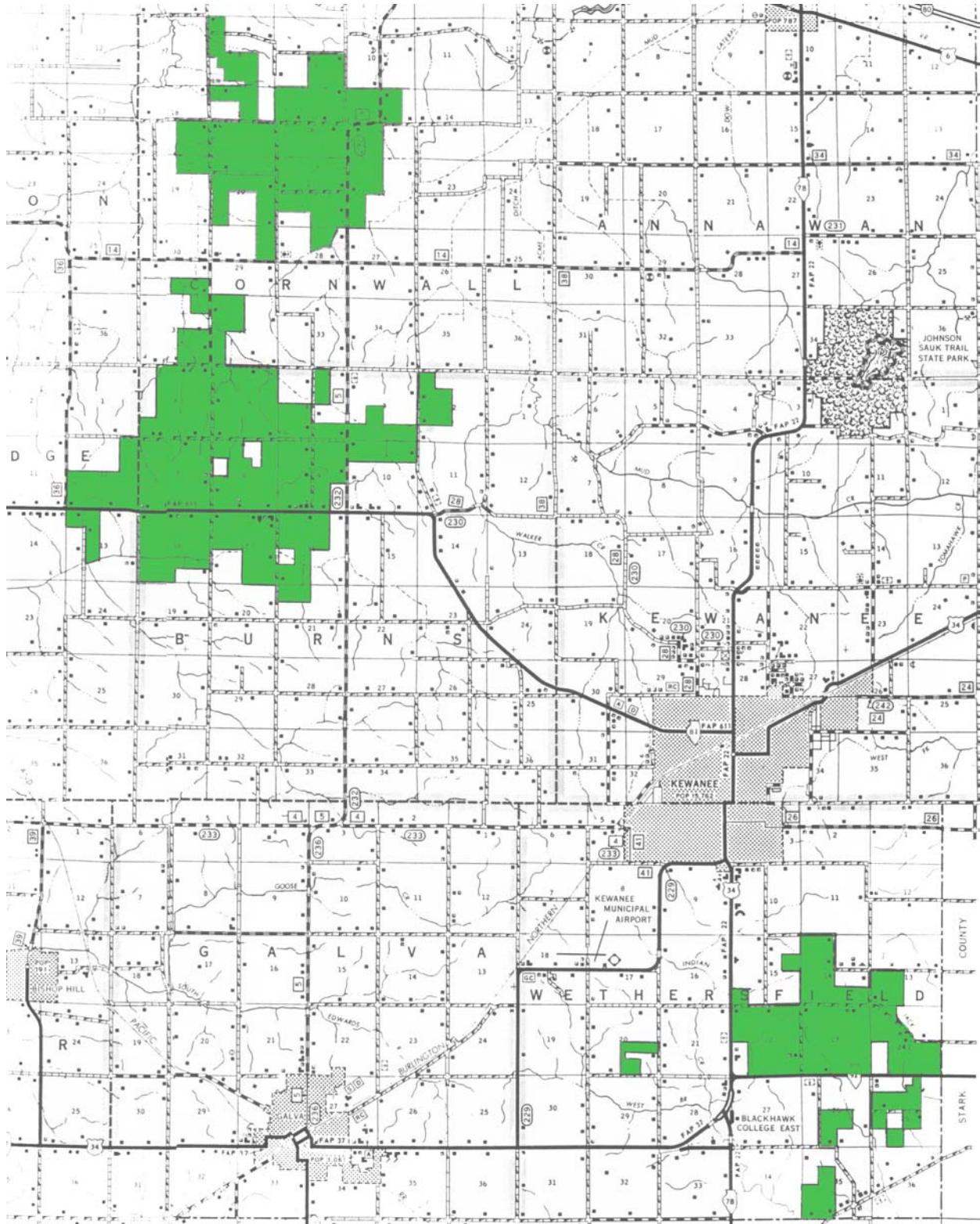




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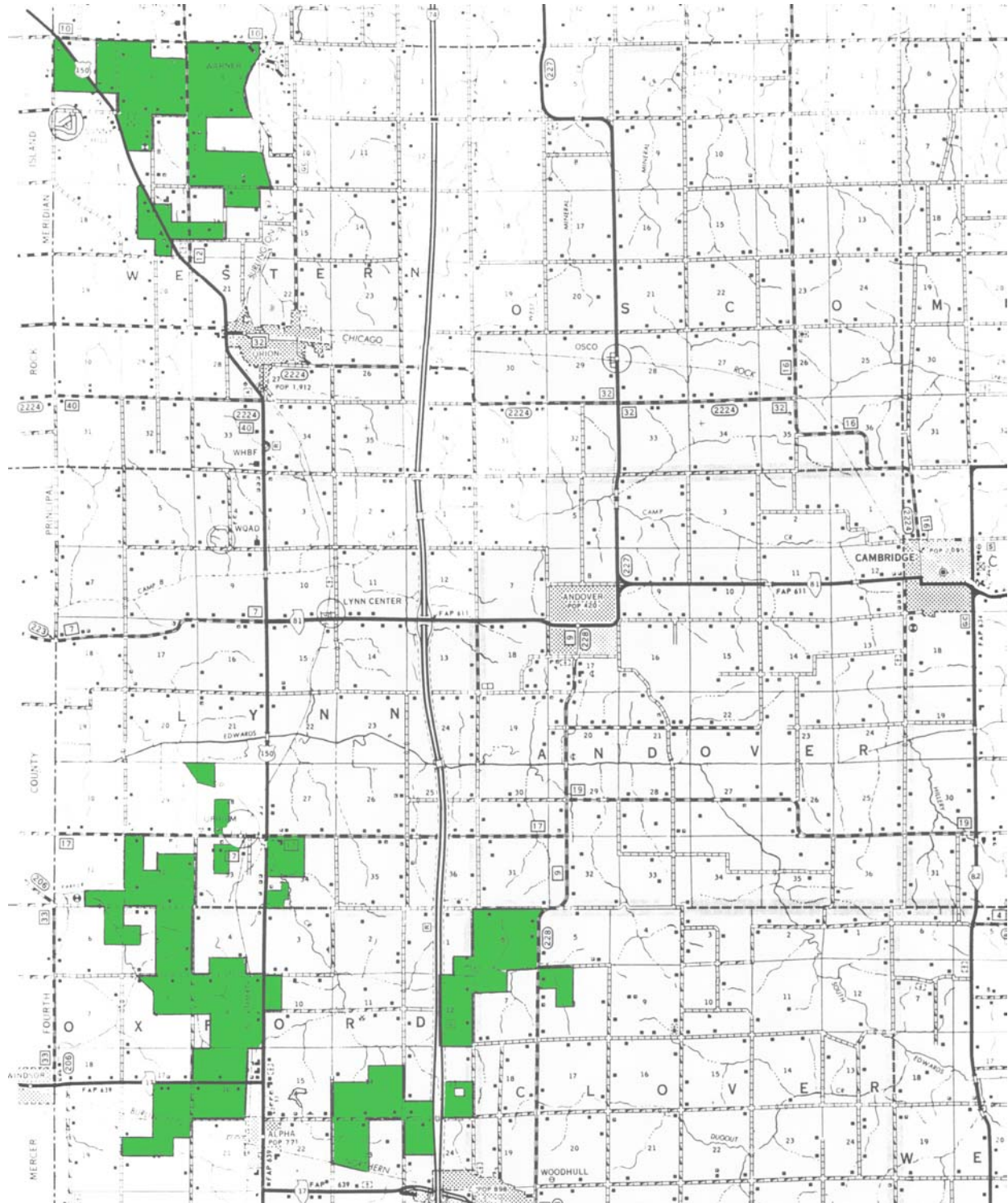


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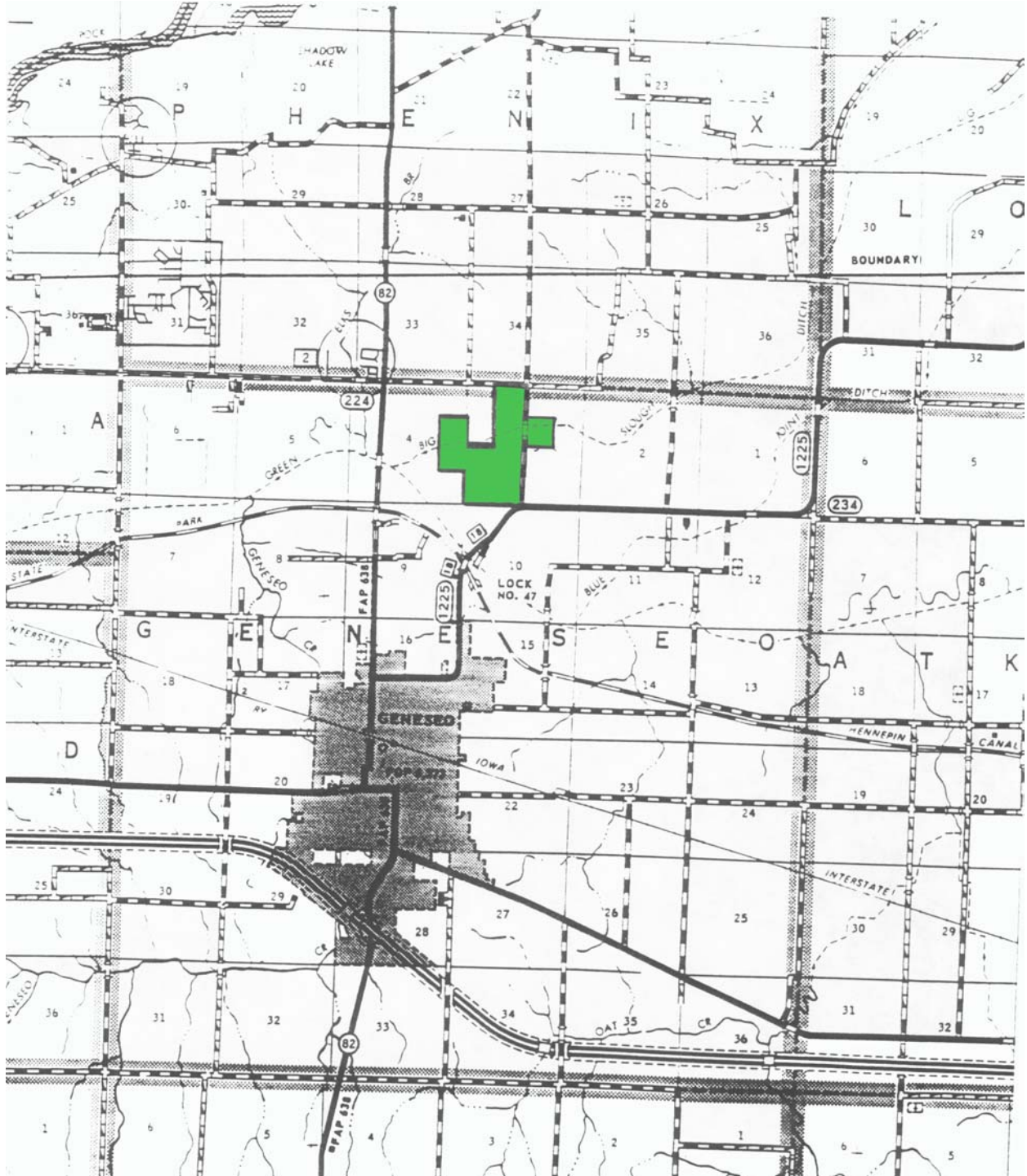




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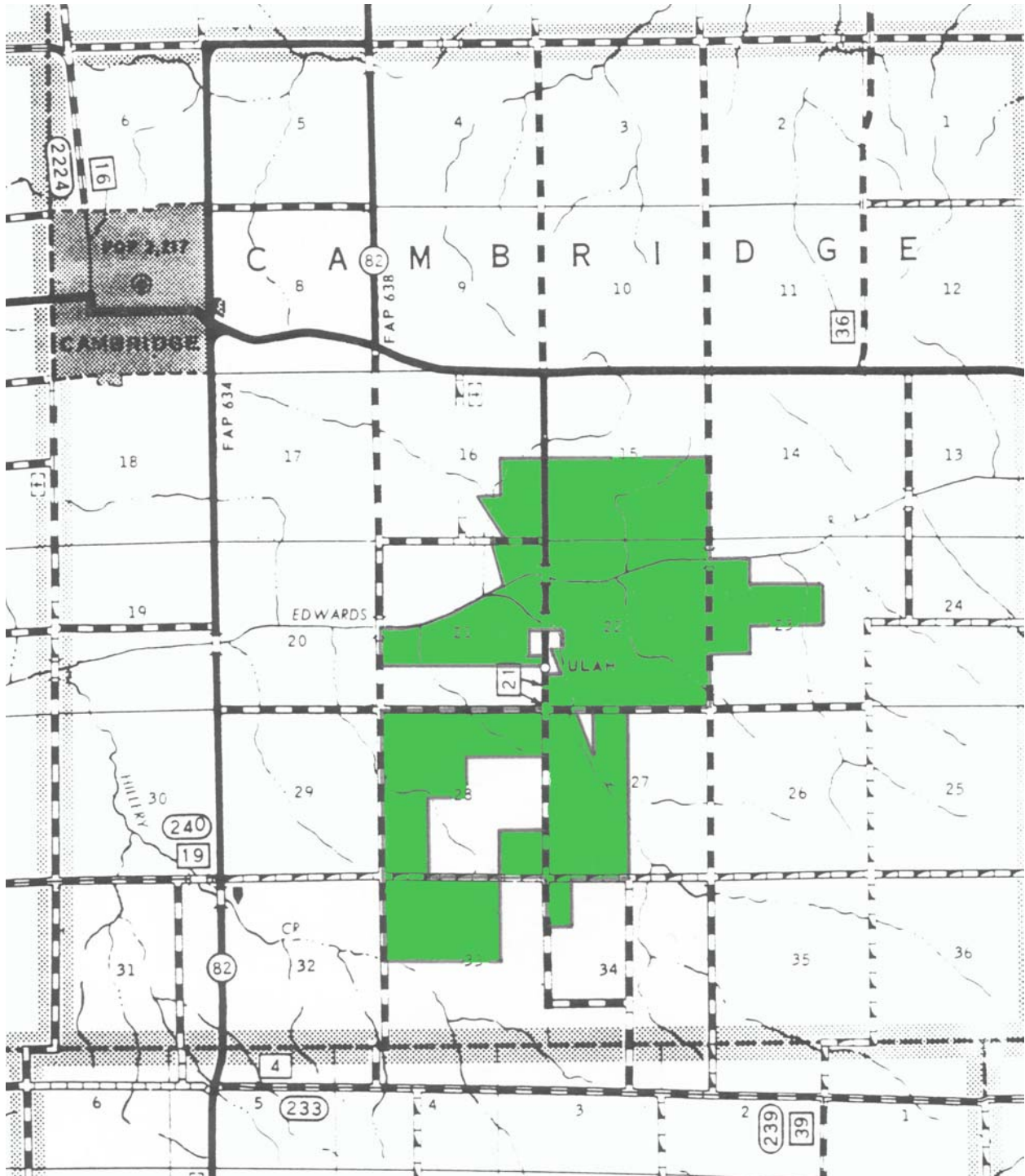


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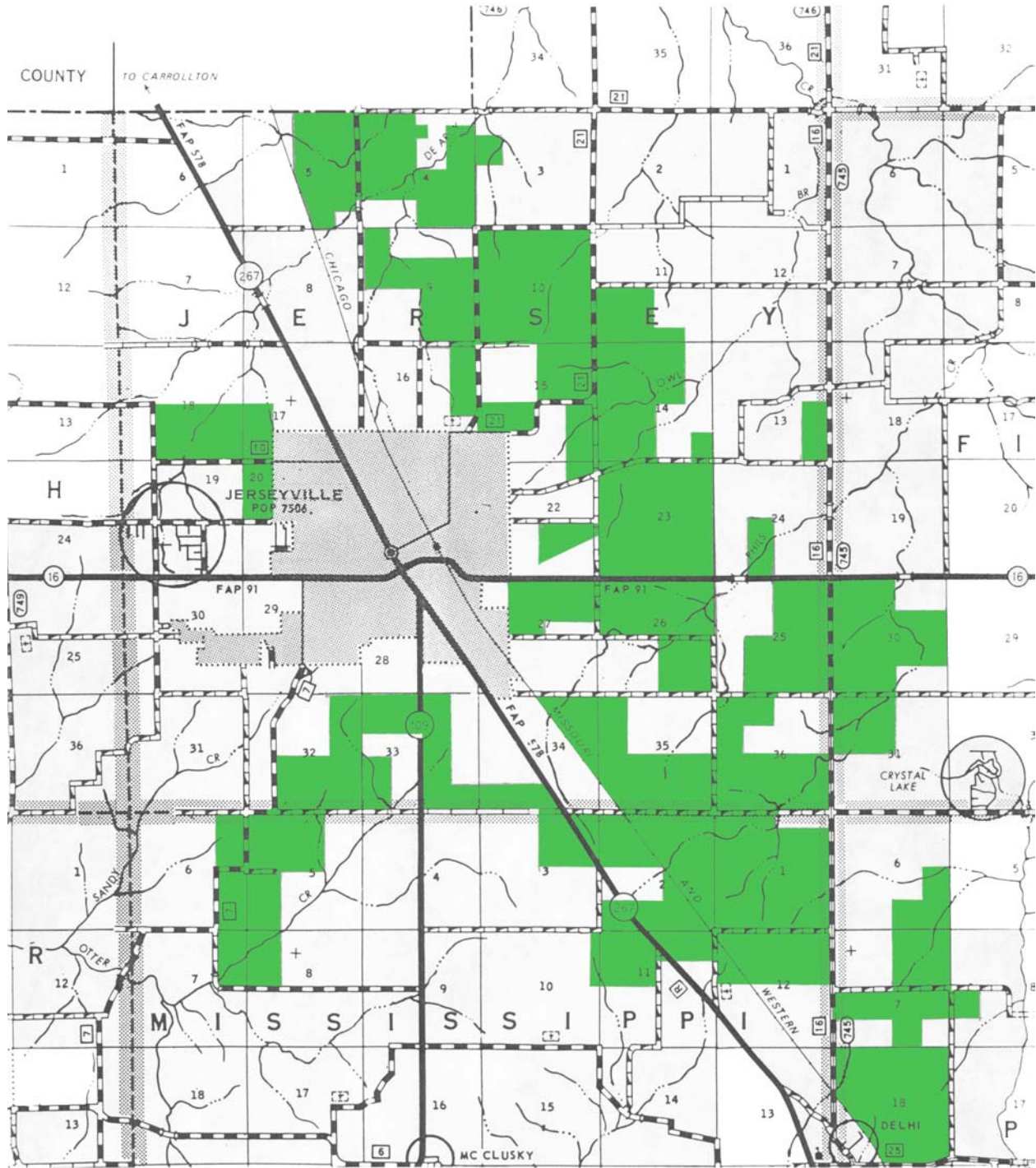




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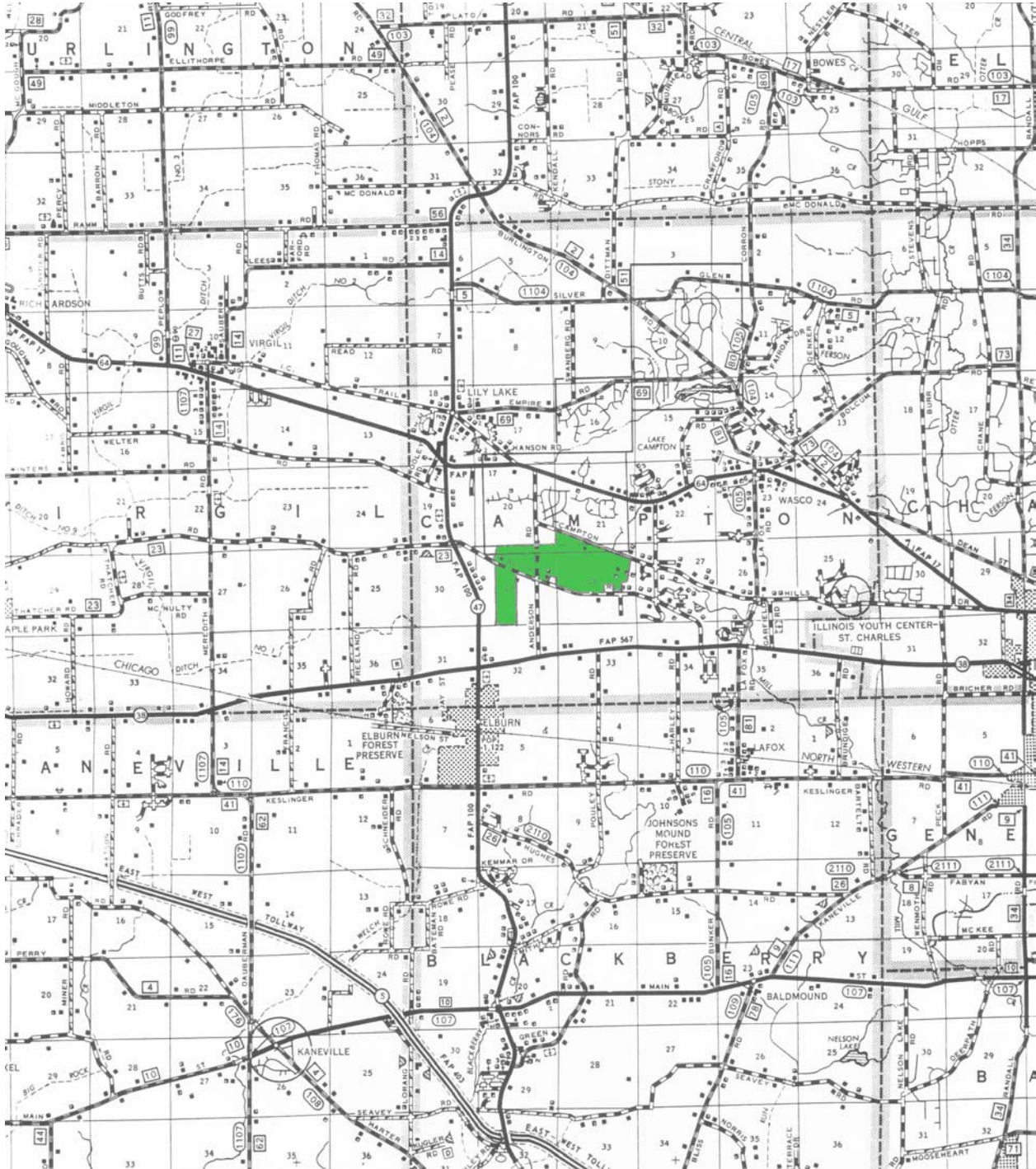
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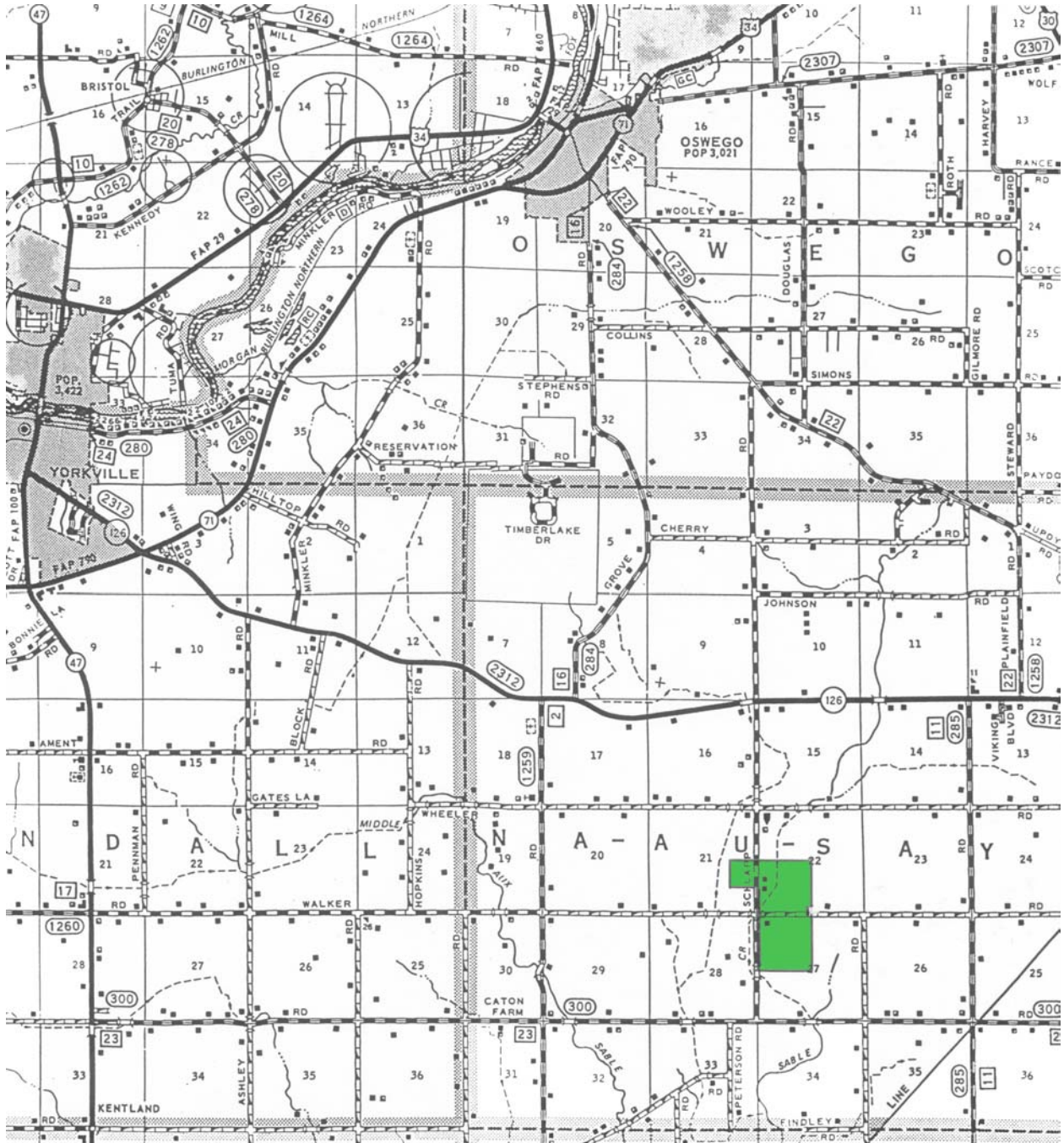
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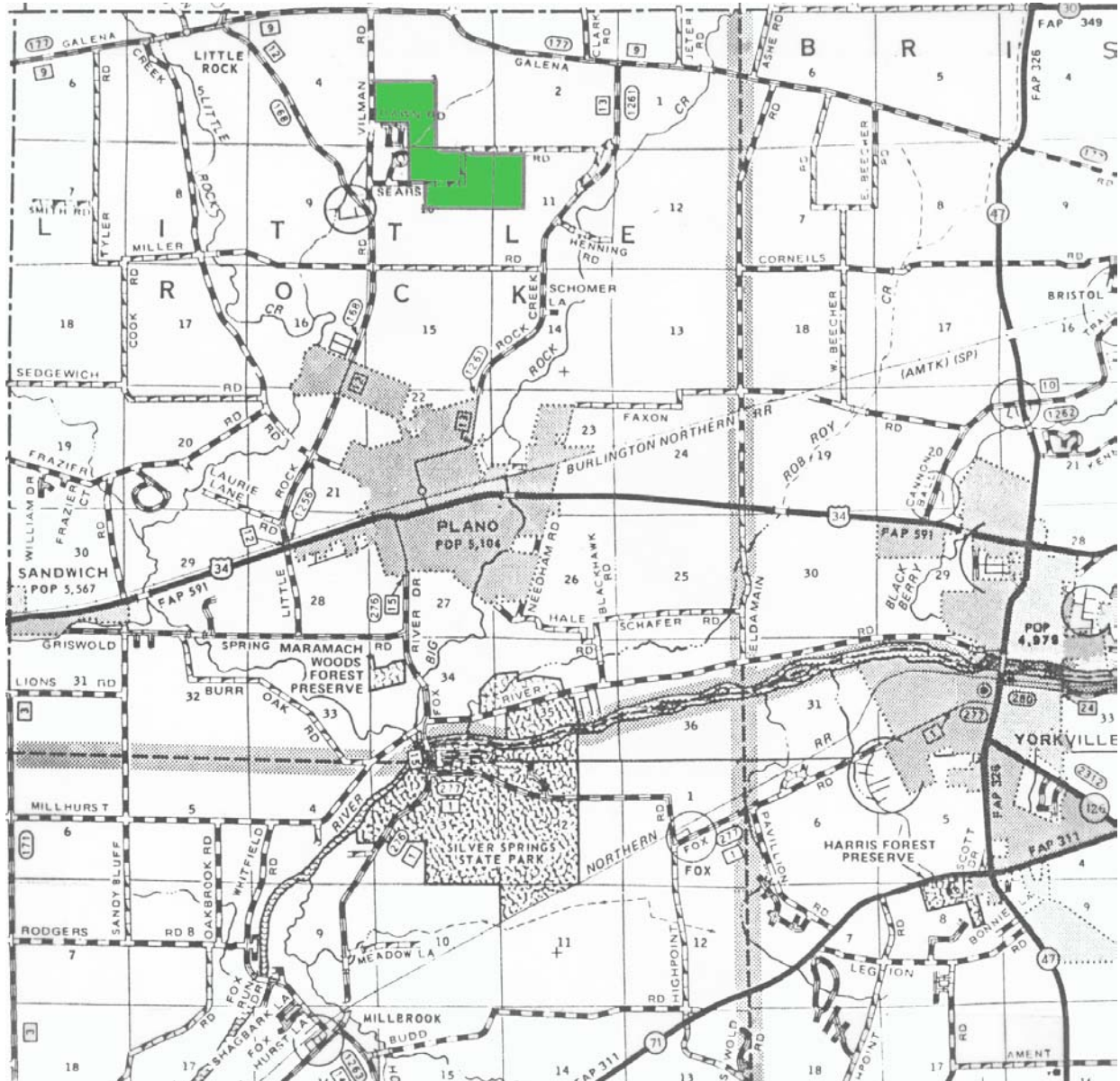




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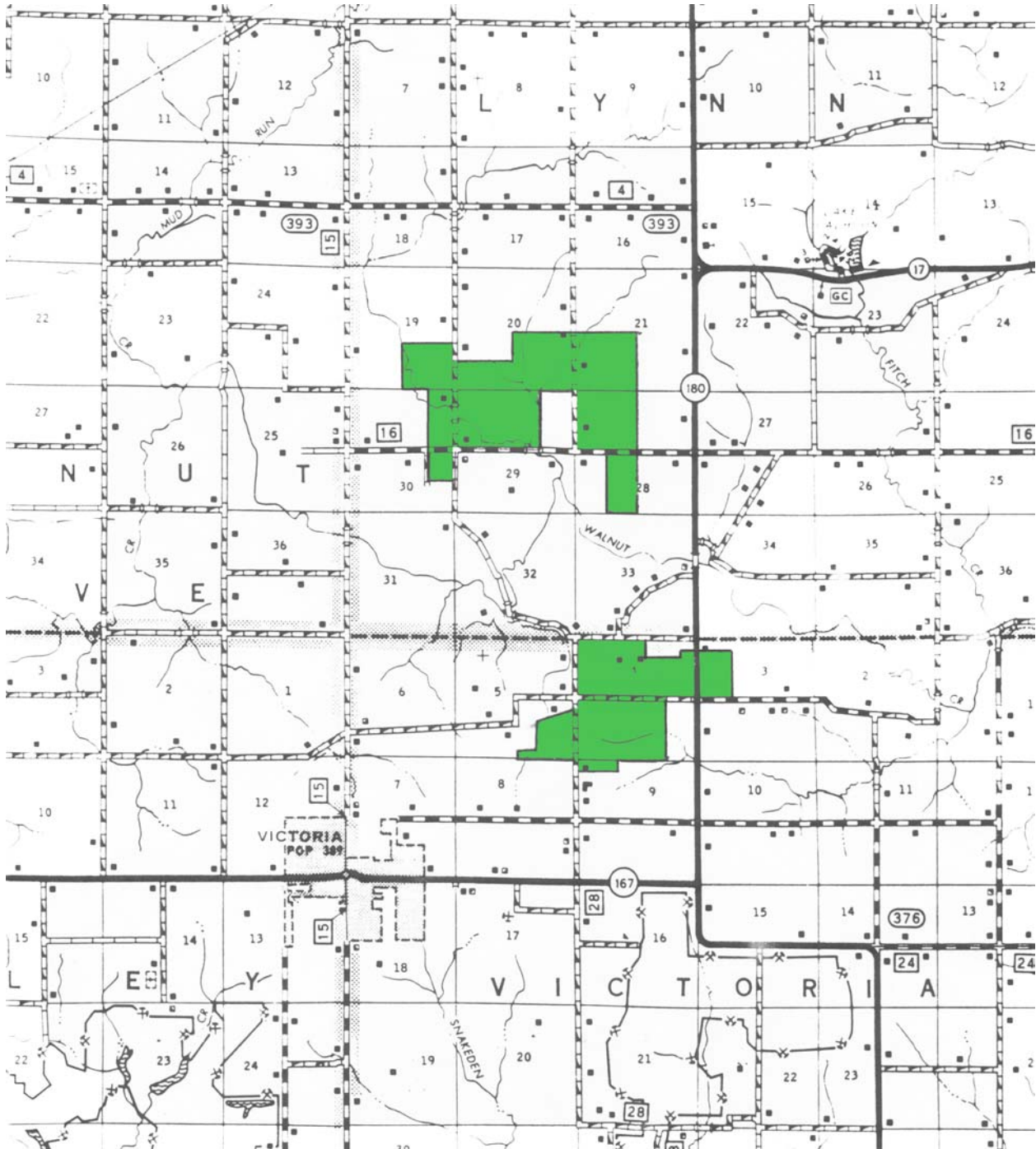


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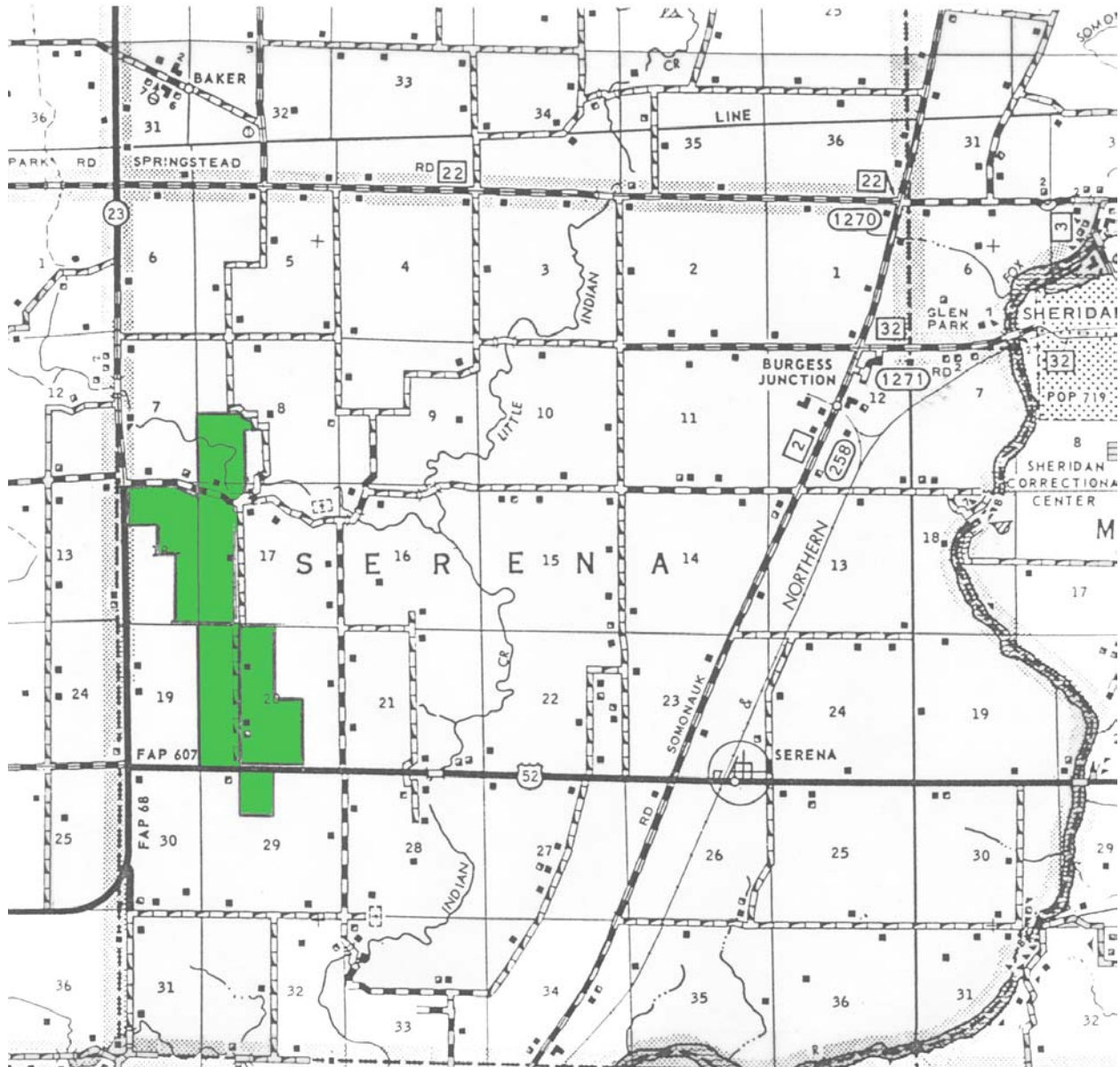




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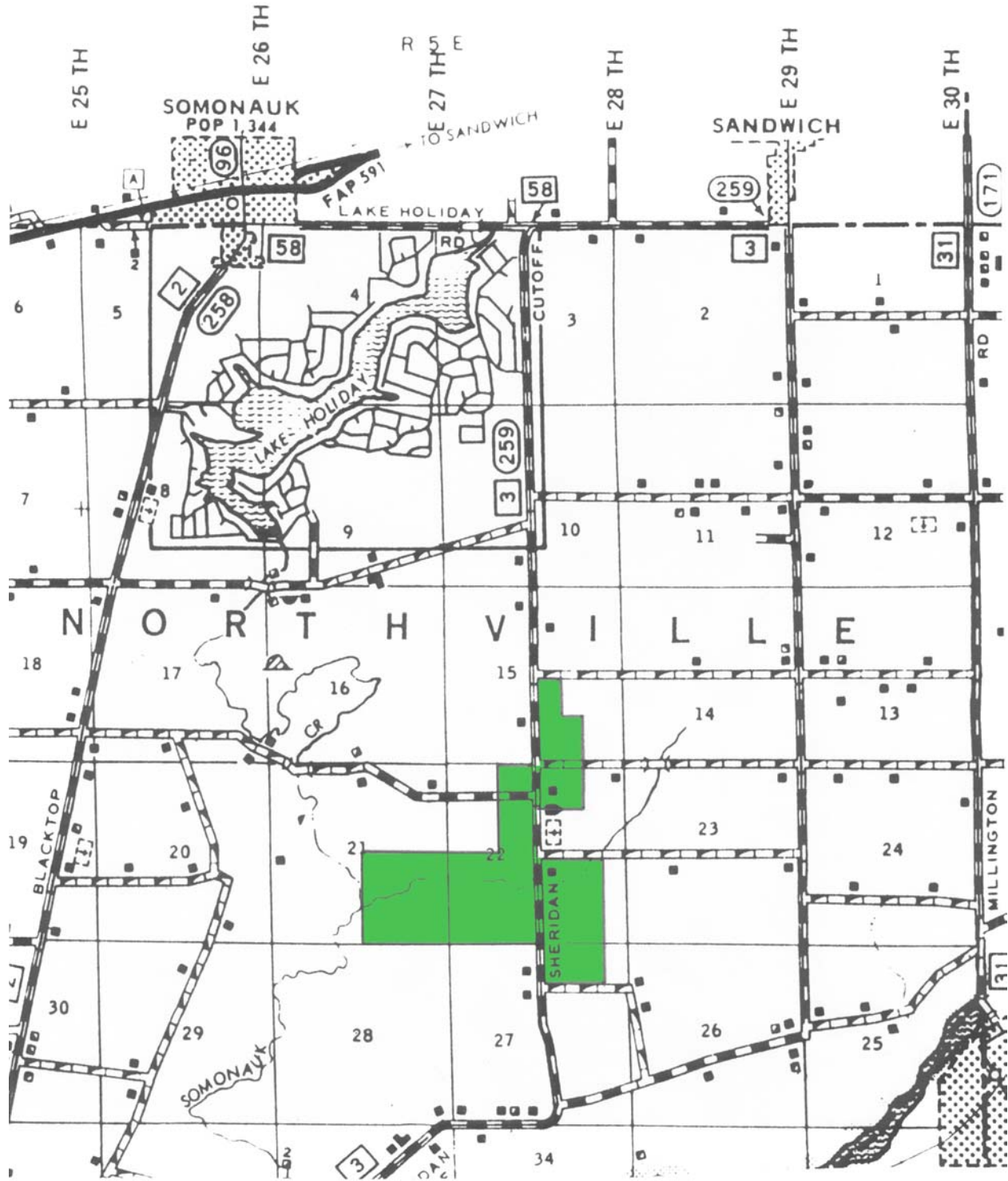


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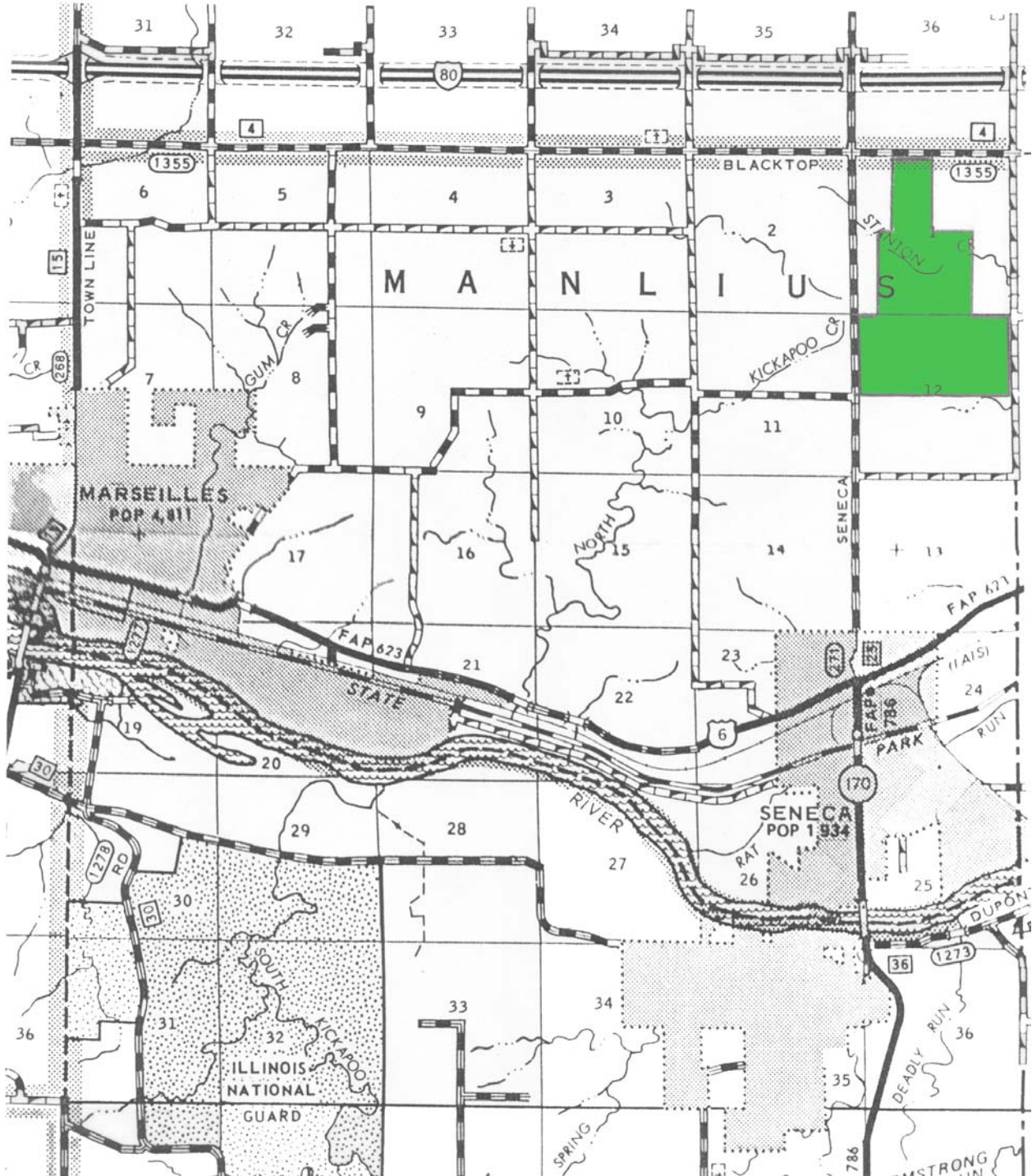




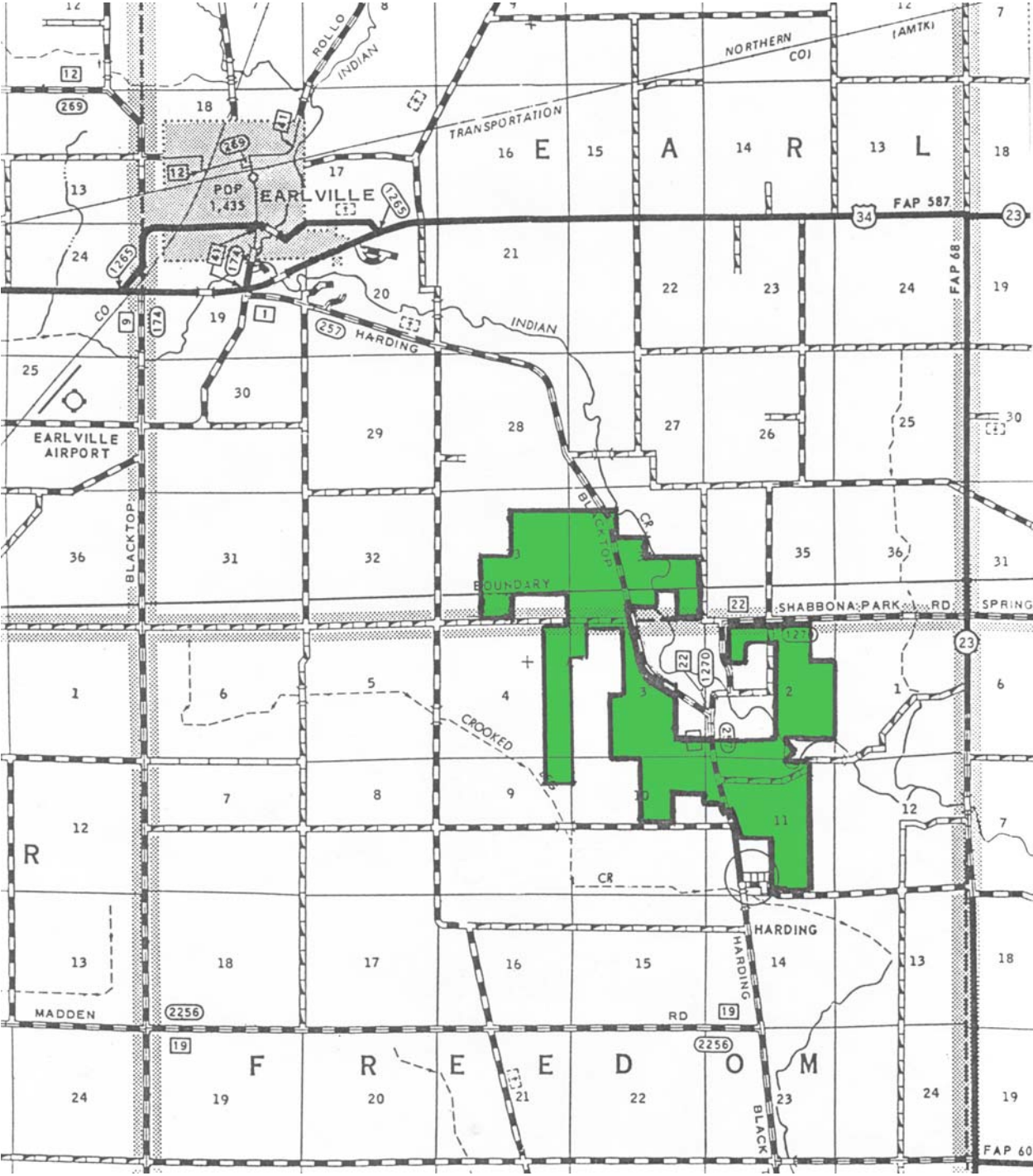
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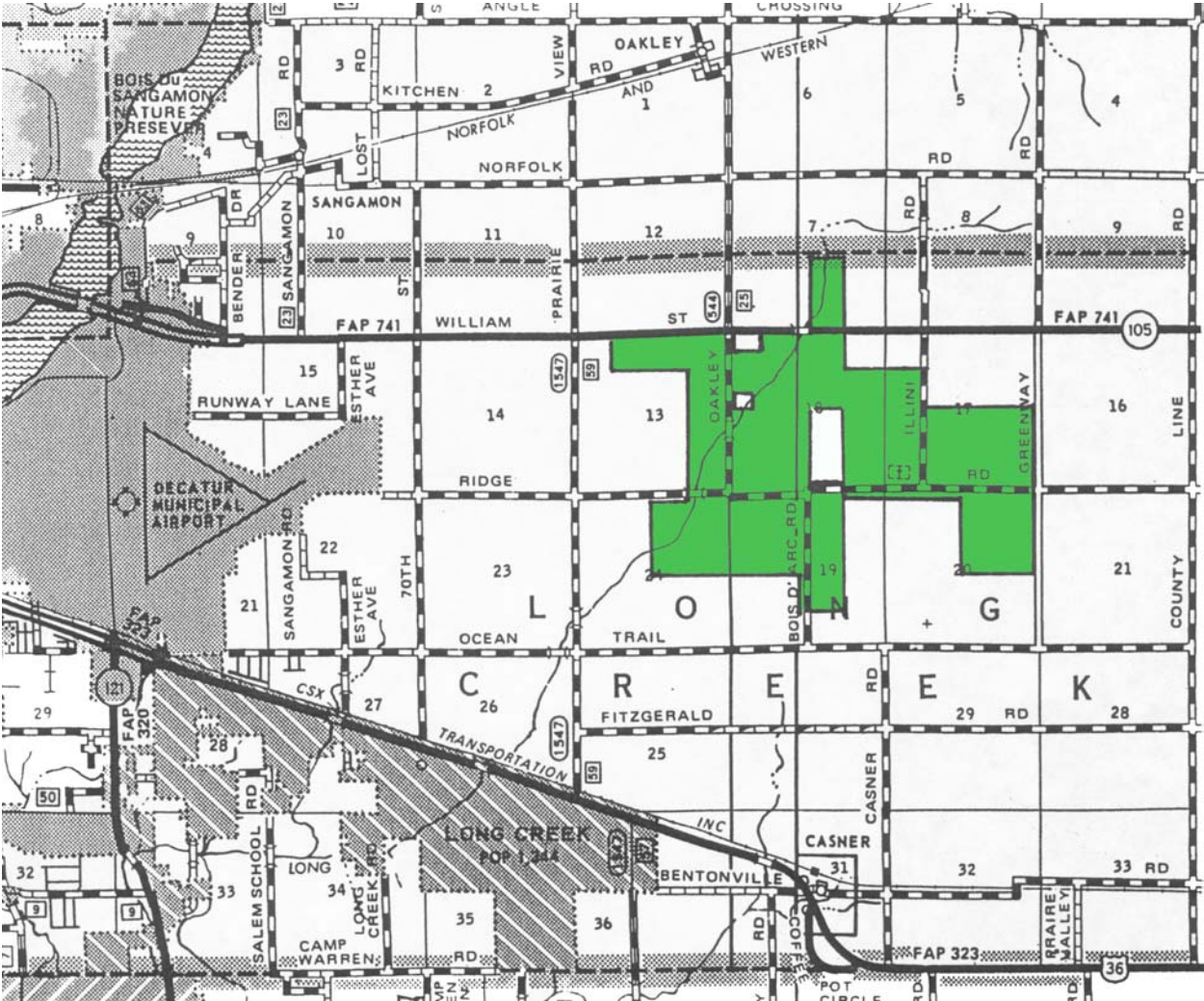


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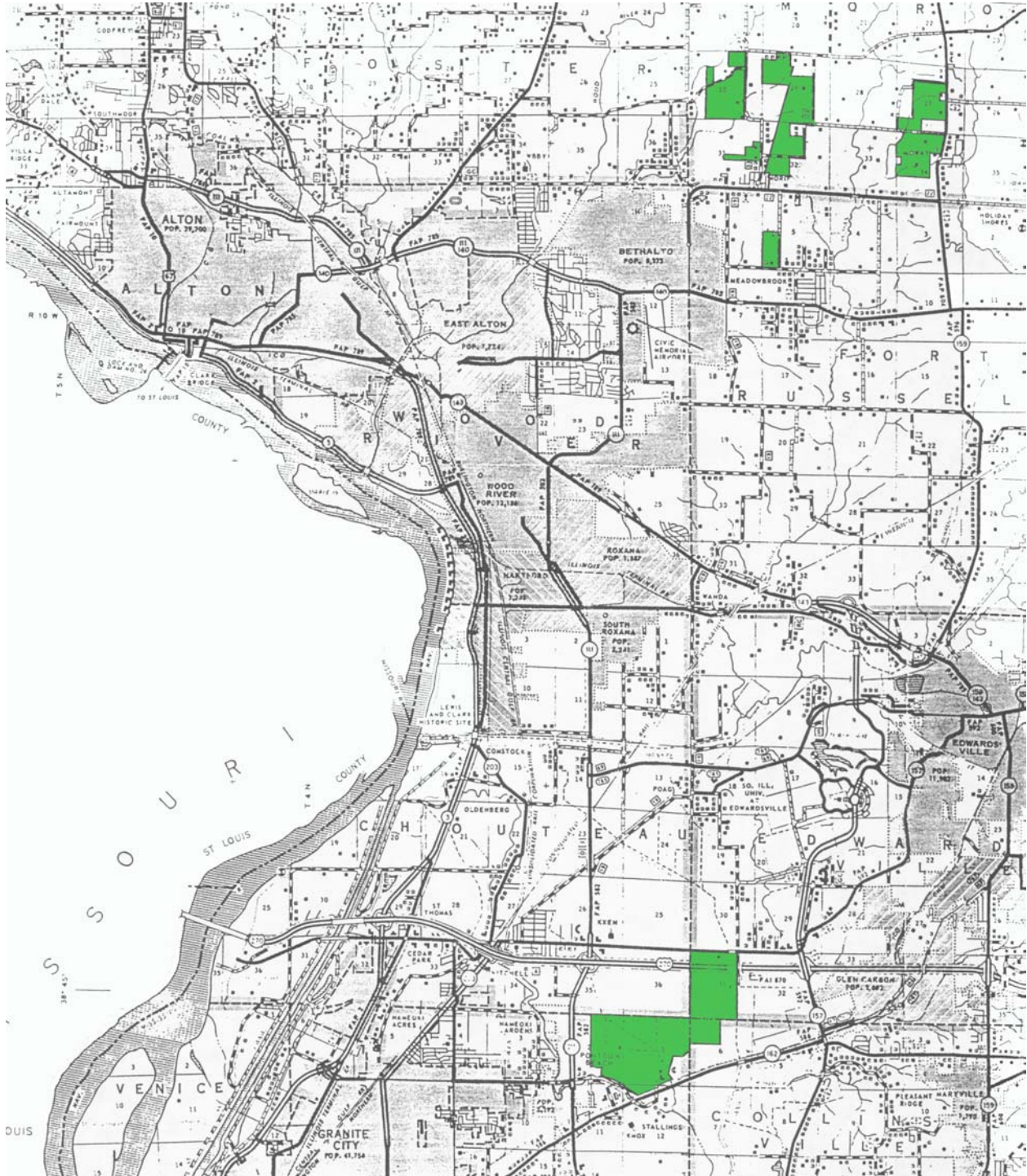




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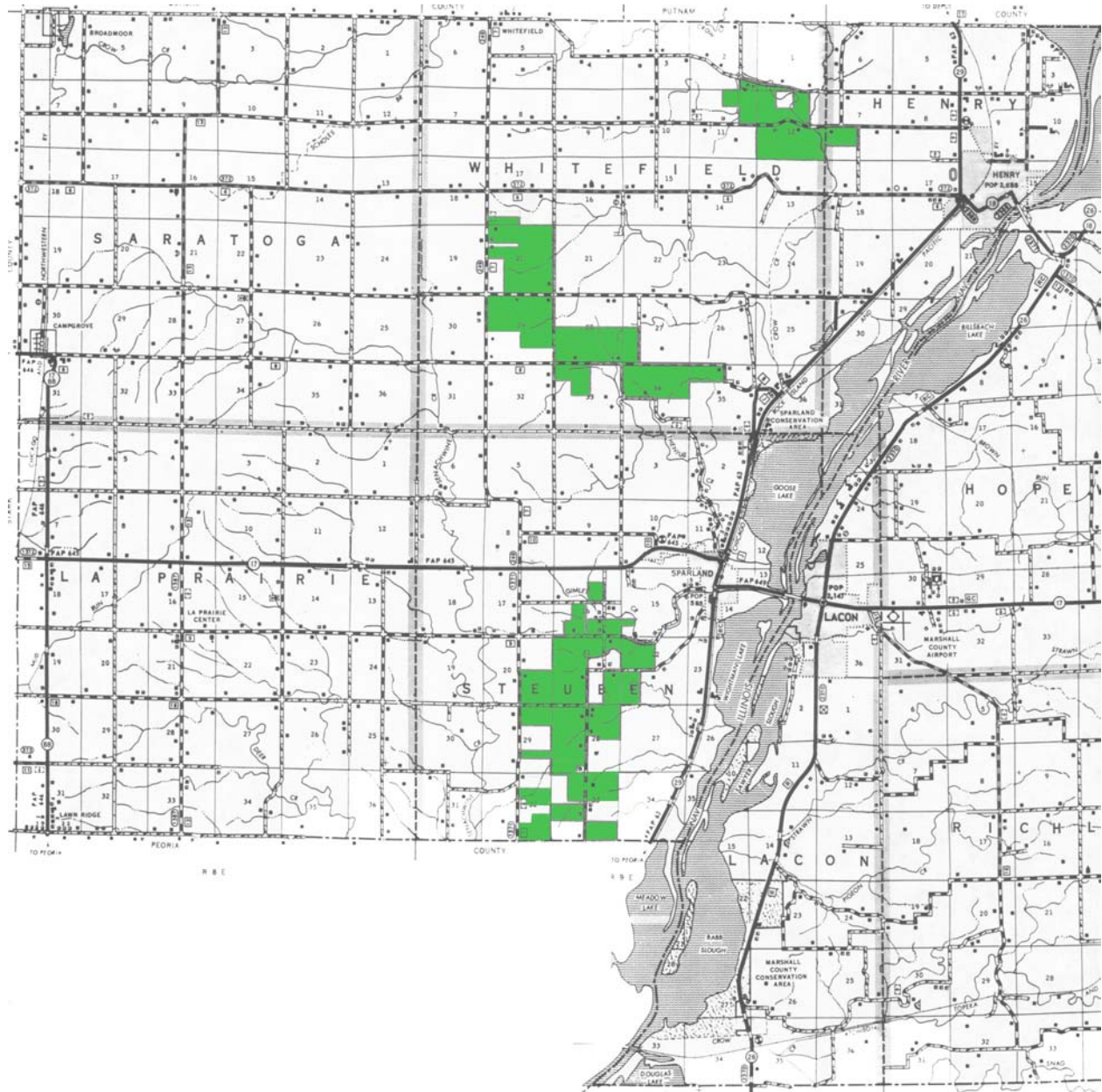


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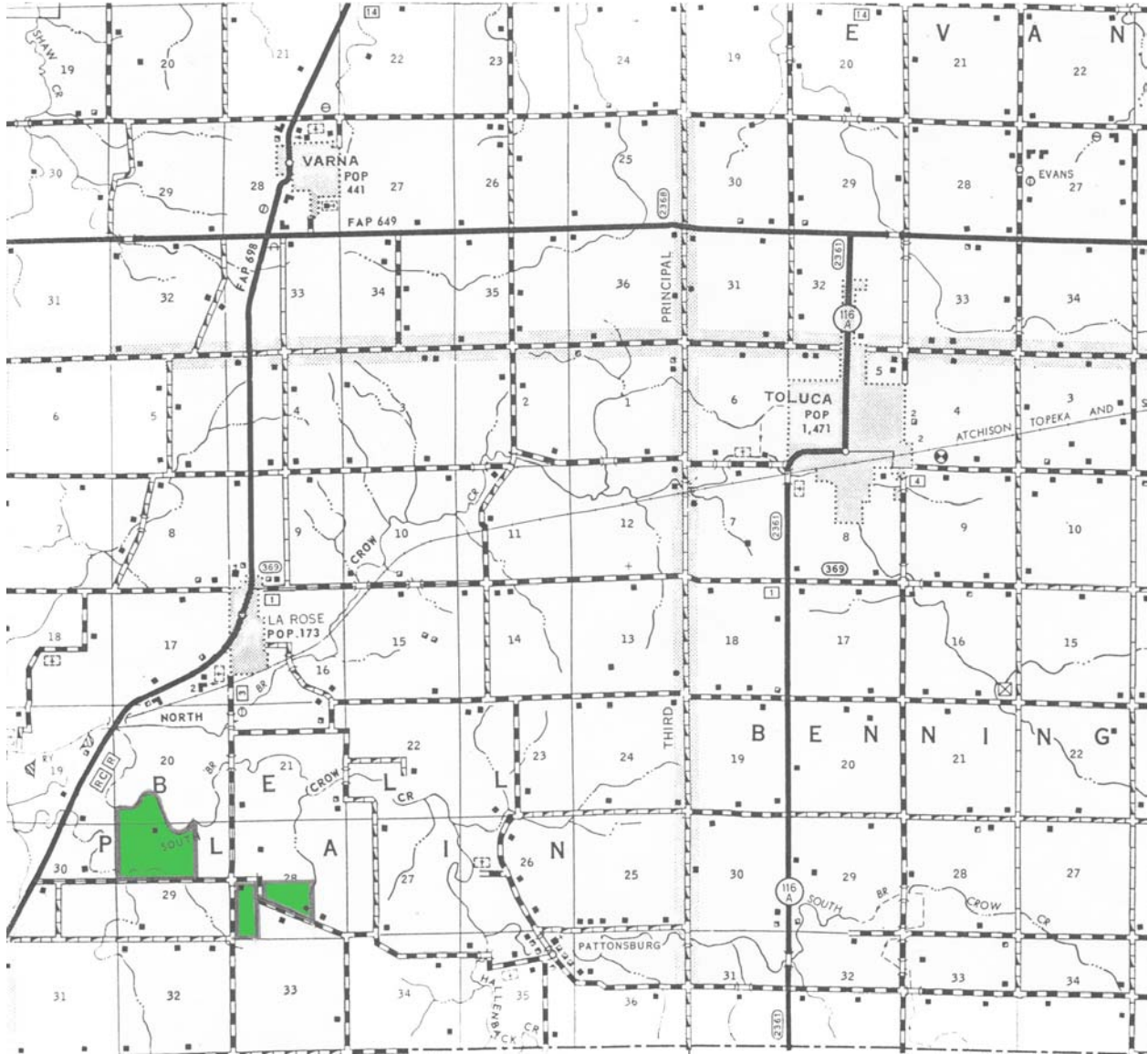


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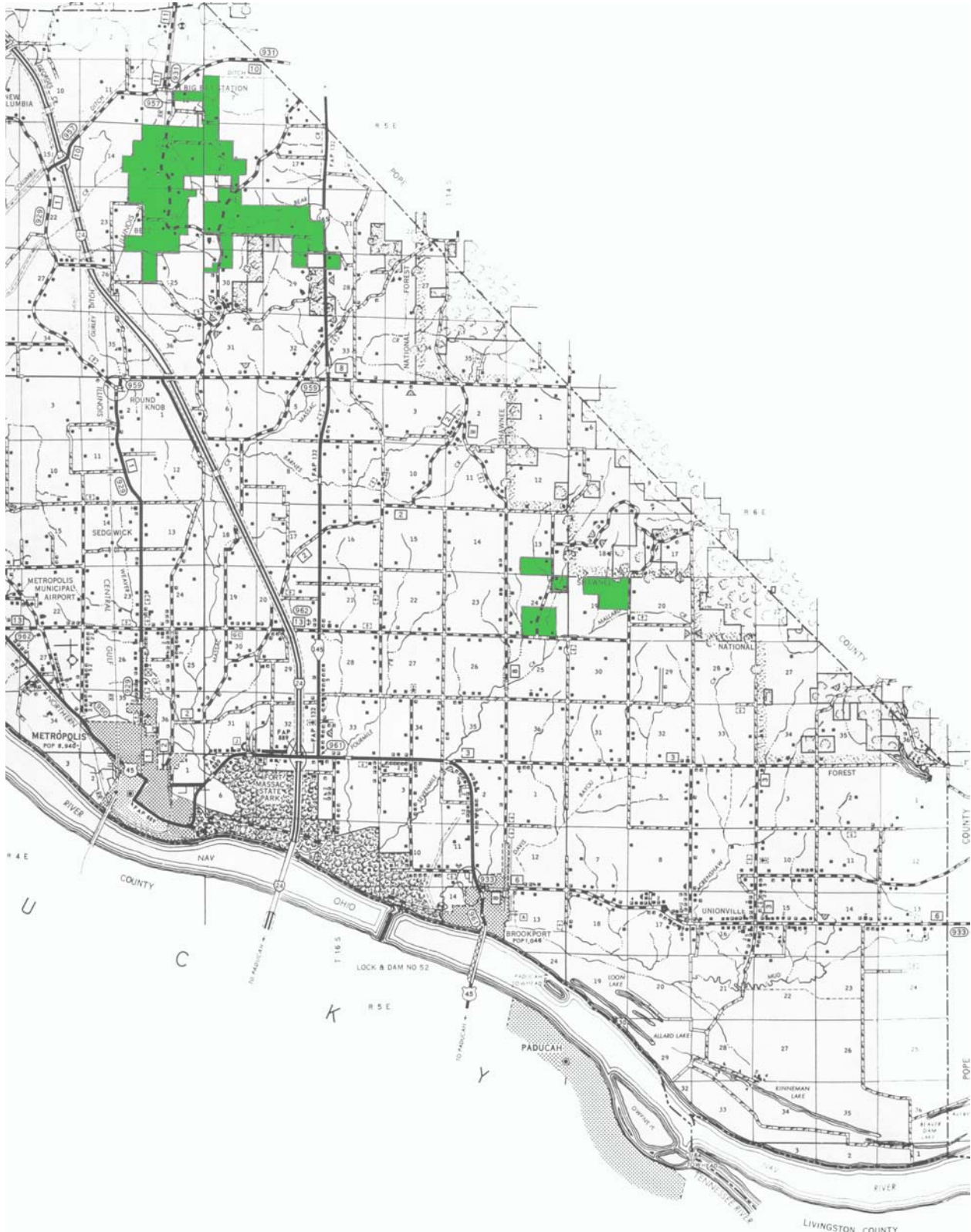




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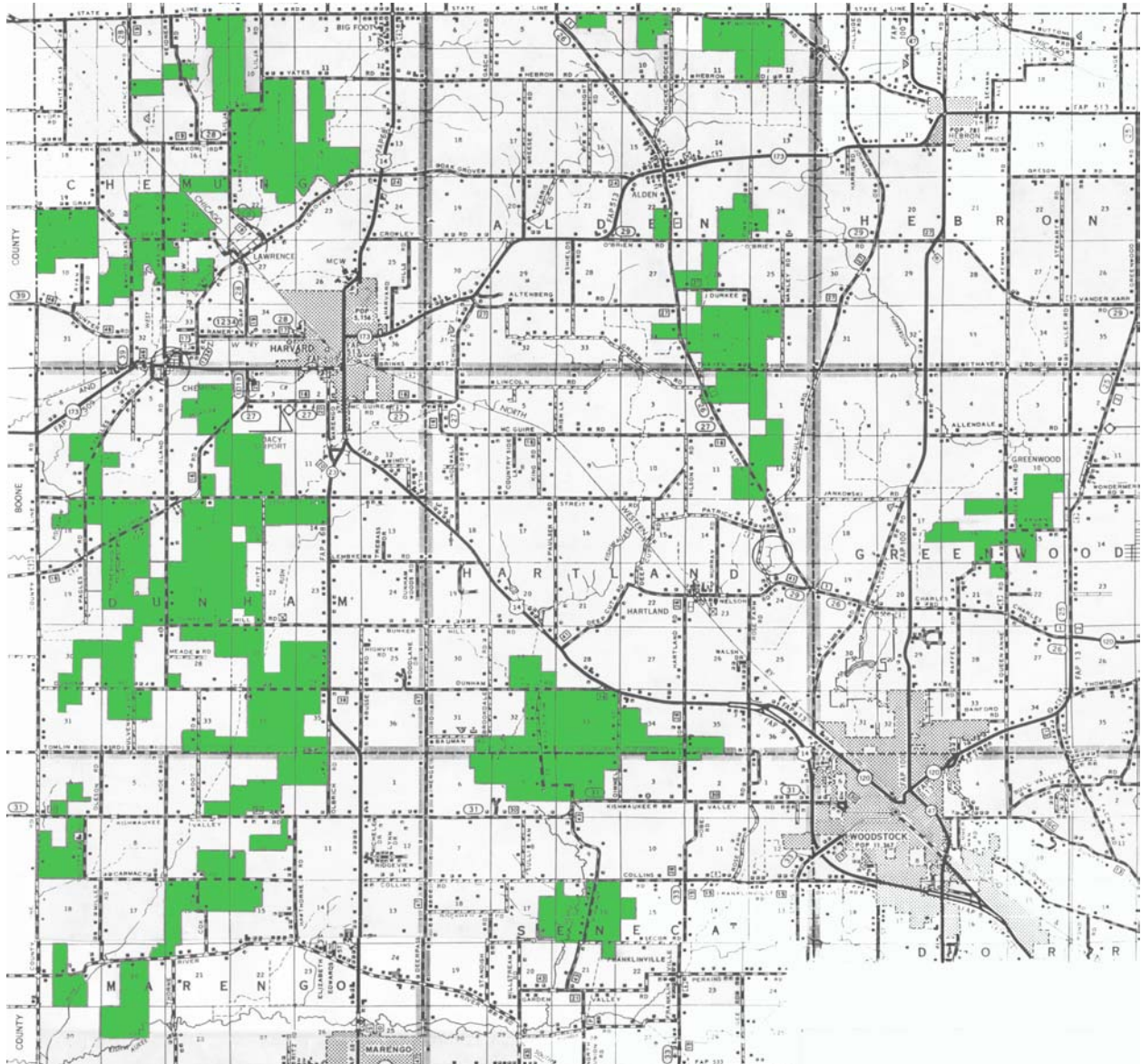


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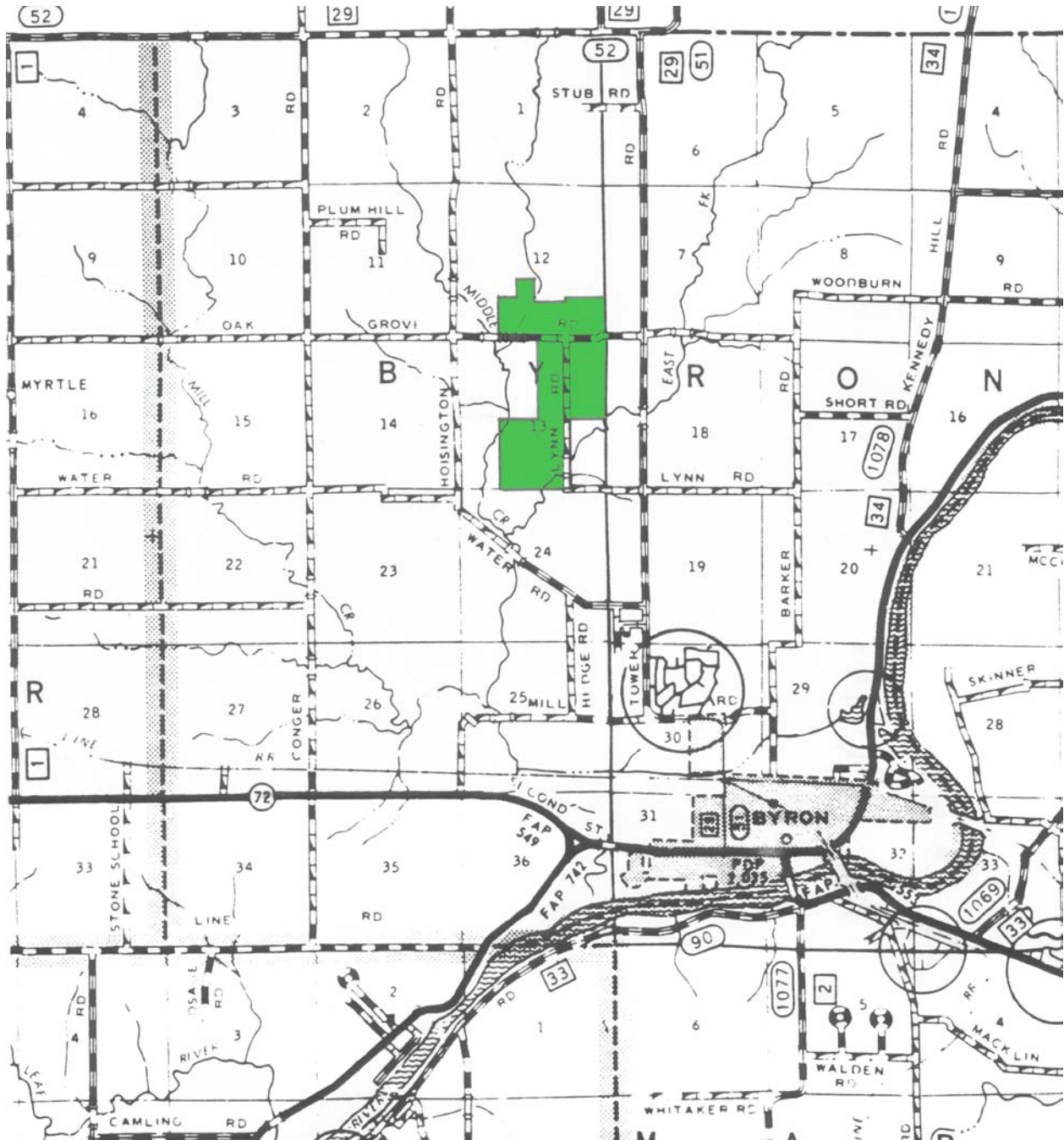


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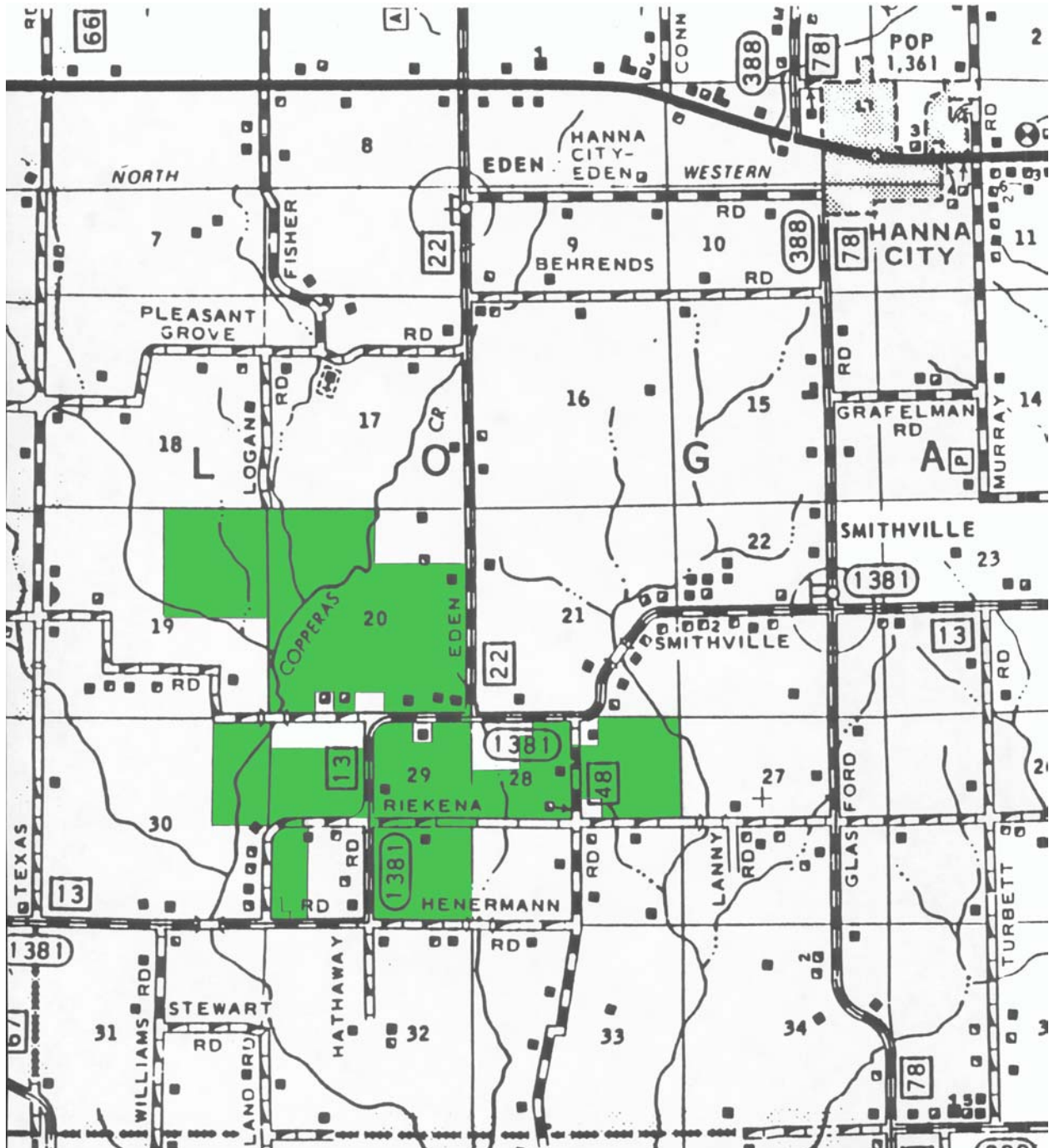




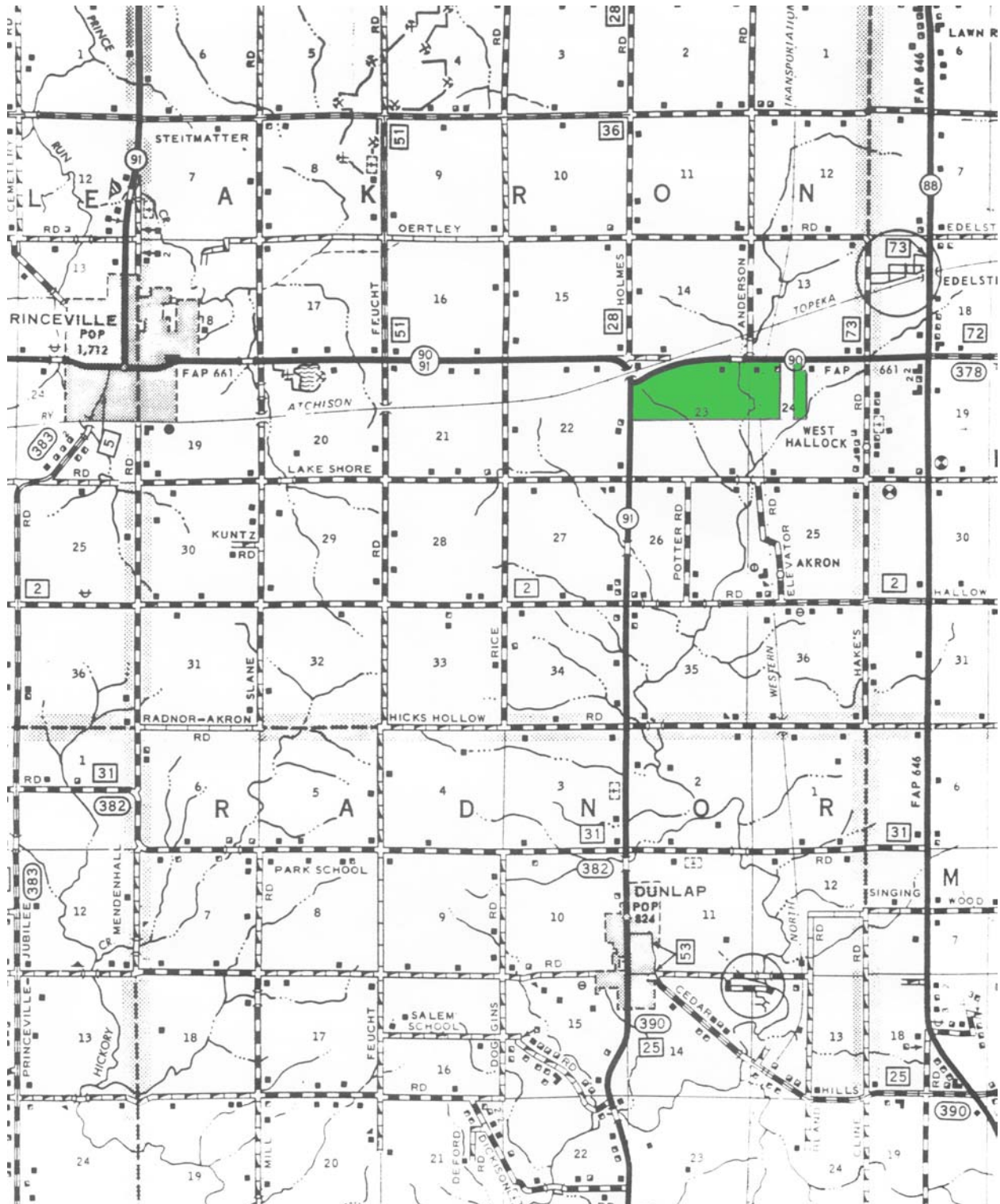
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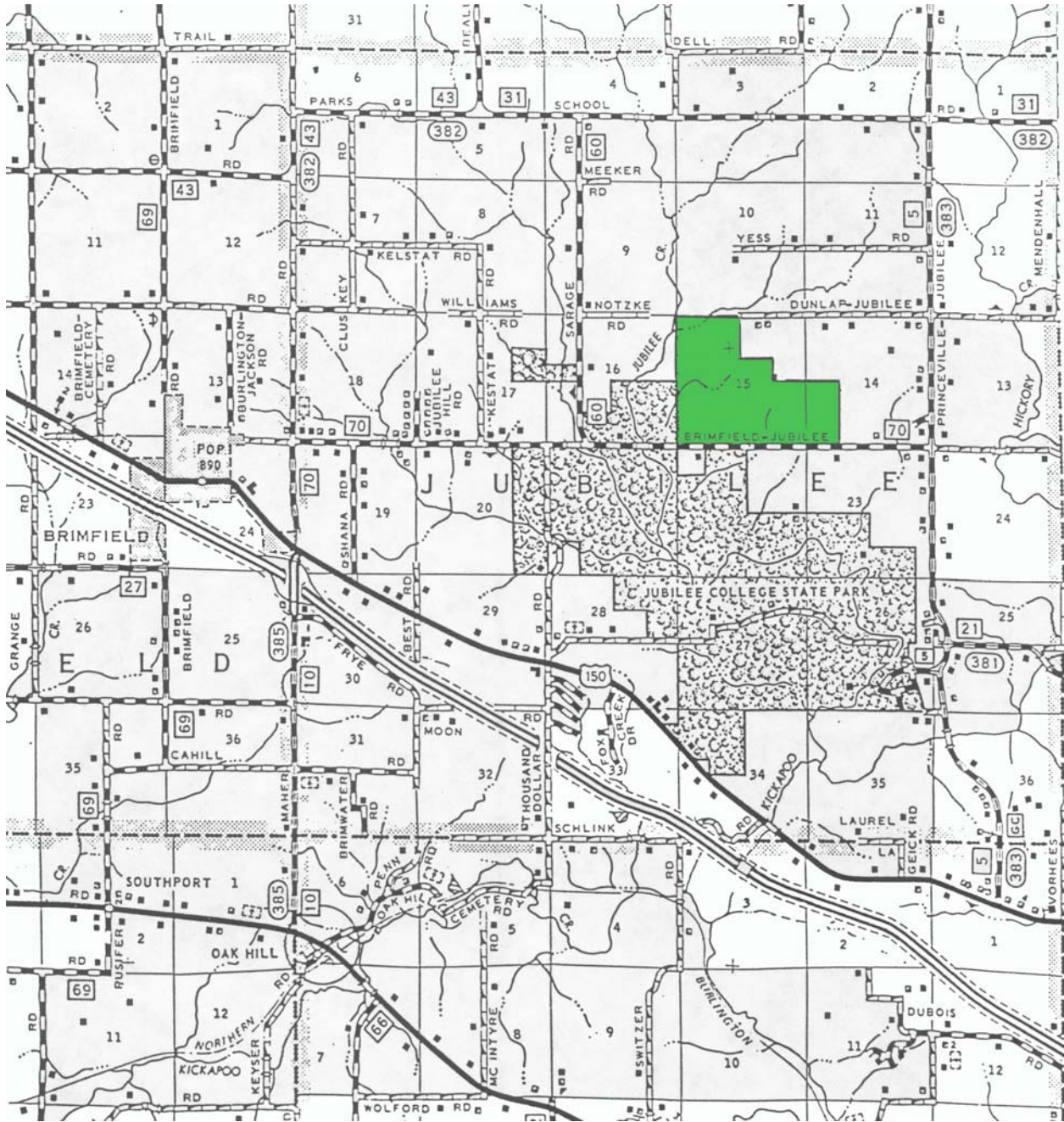


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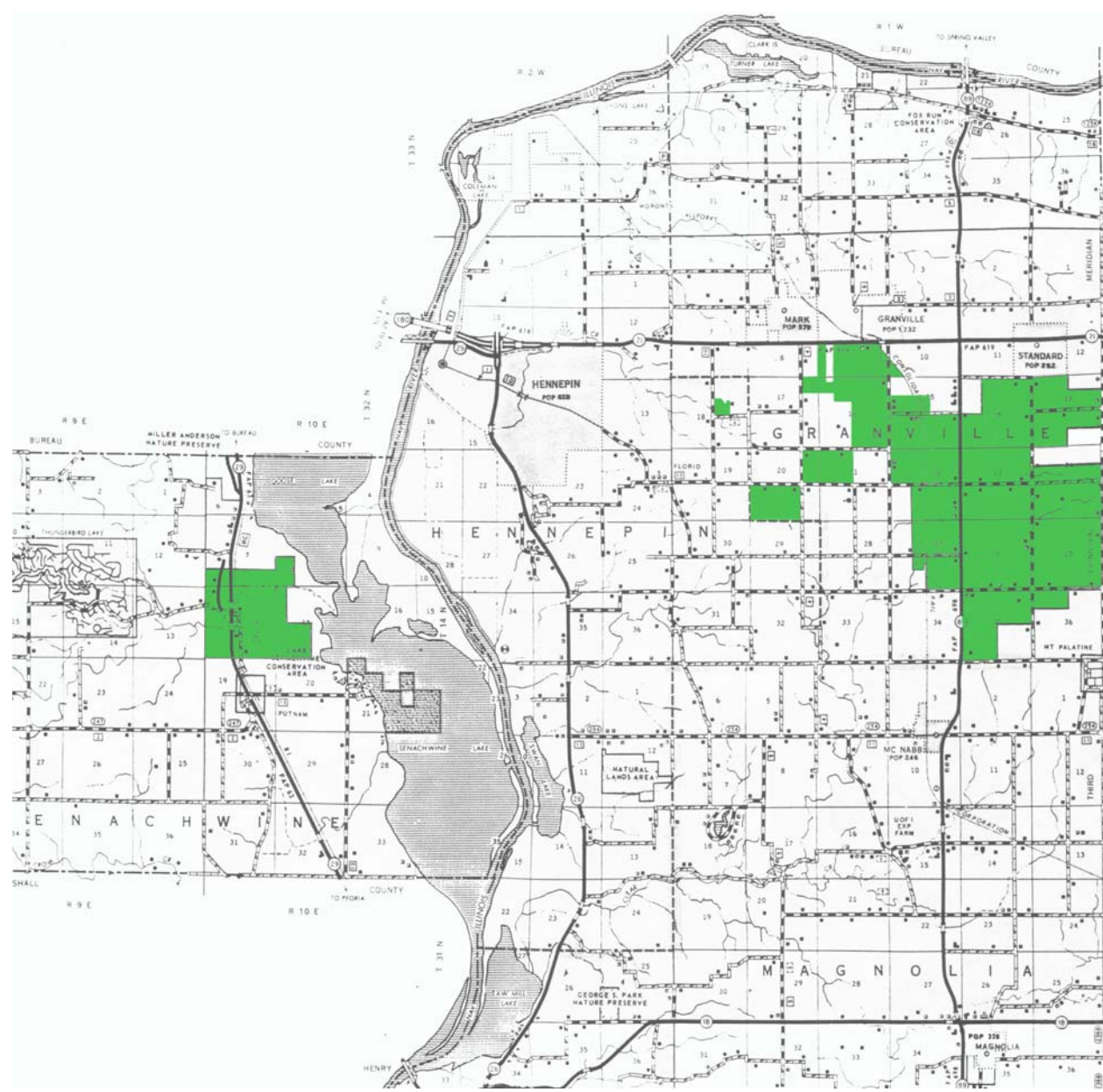




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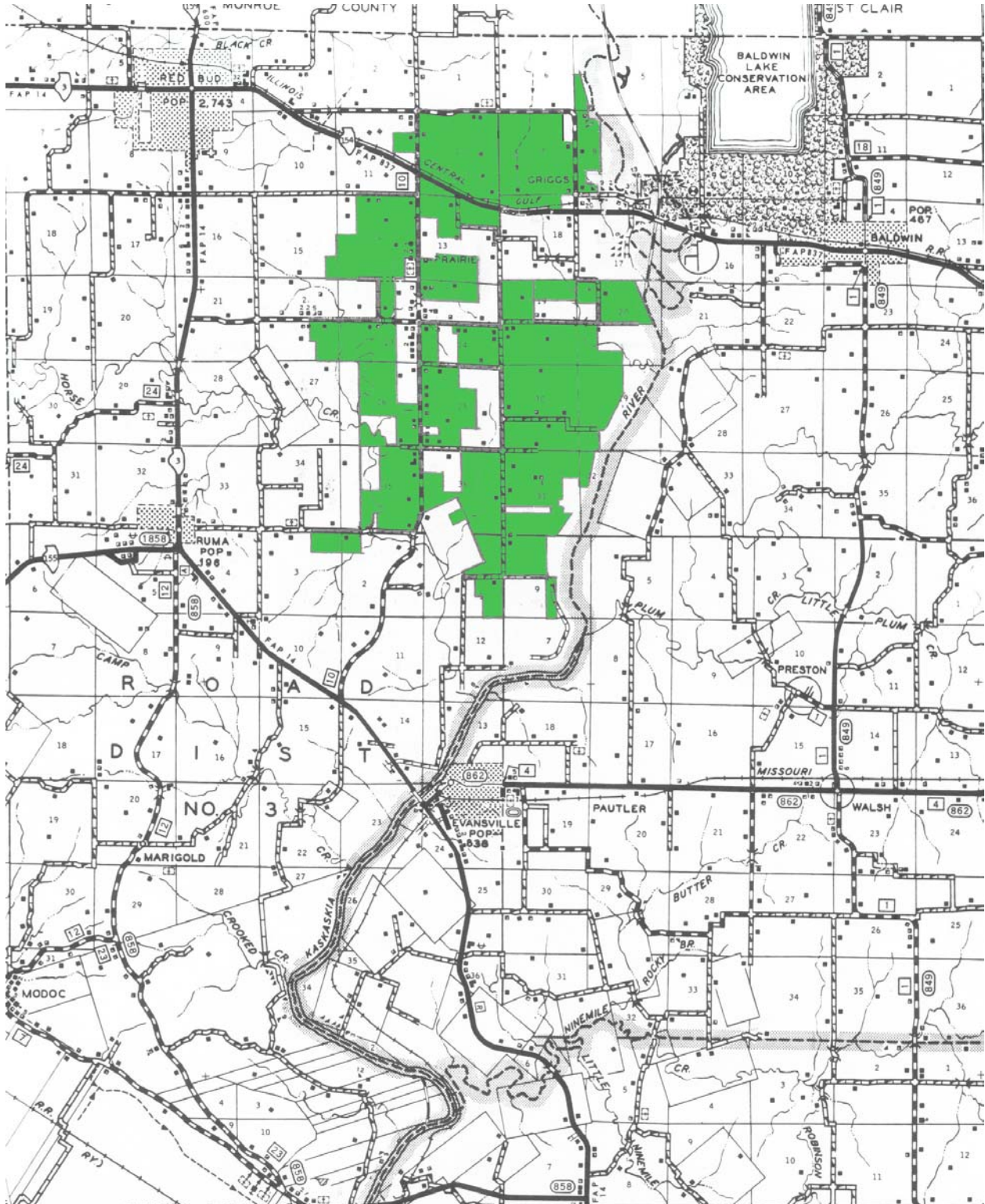


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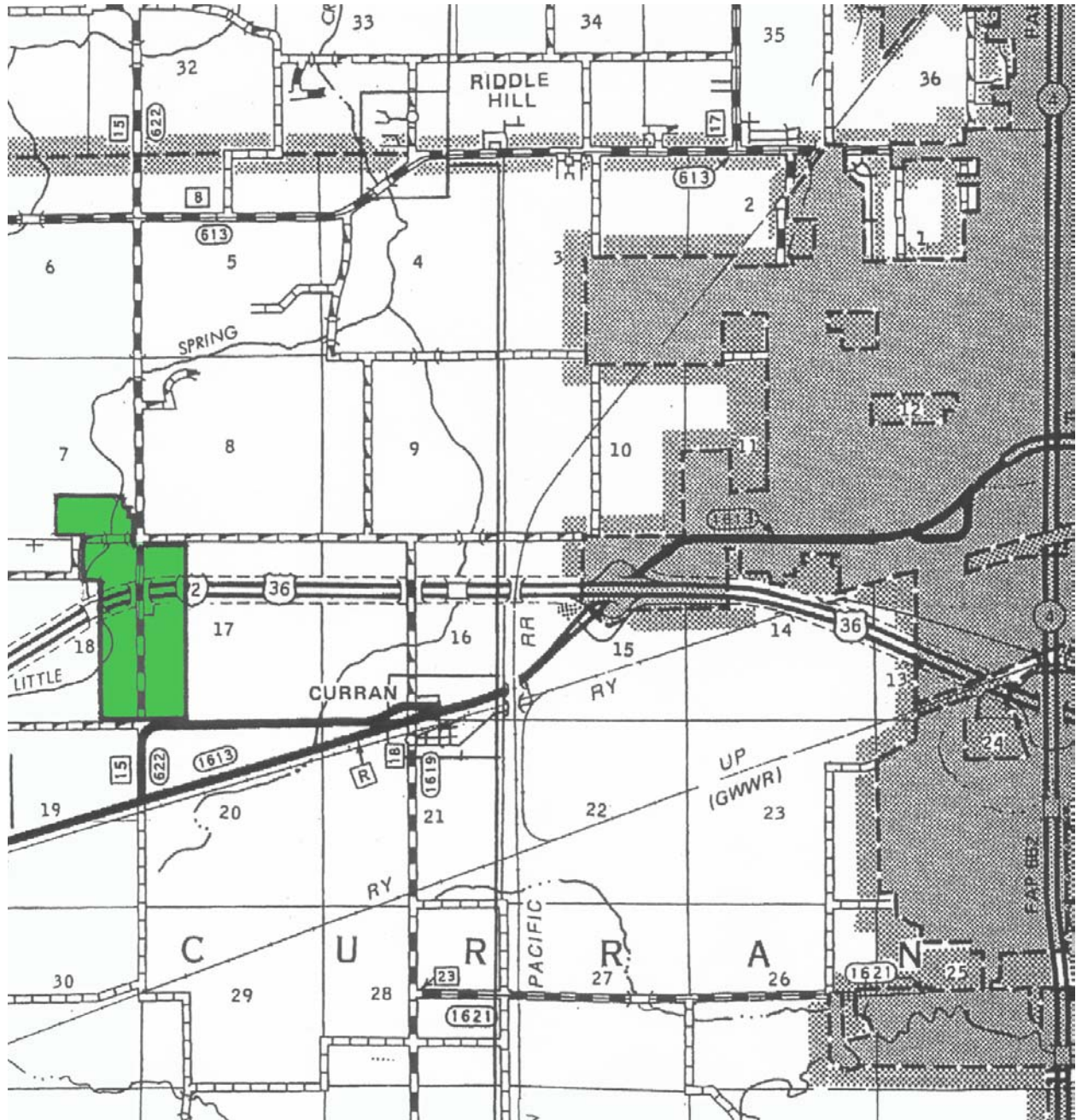


# Randolph County Illinois





# Sangamon County Illinois



# Tazewell County Illinois

